Wading River N.Y.
July 24th 1873

Mr Davenport —

Both your favors received. I will be glad of the exchange you propose. I herewith transmit some Botrychium Simplex. I fear you will be disappointed in it — the specimens are so small, but they are as large as the average. I would like some Botrychium lanceolatum for exchange or Osmunda varfoudosa. I send you my list of ferns. I am desirous of making my collection complete. Will exchange + for those not marked. Hope to hear from you soon

Yours Truly
Elettia L Miller

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Wading River N.Y.
July 30th 1873

Geo. E. Davenport

Dear Sir

Yours of 29th received this noon with the ferns many thanks. I send you, with this a few ferns, the last I have of Trichomanes Petersii. The others may prove acceptable. You may send me any you have to spare not in my duplicate collection almost anything is acceptable.

Yours truly
Elihu S. Miller

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Wading River NY
Dec 12 1873

Dear Sir

Your kind letter & list of plants came yesterday. I have examined it & find some new ones and many which will be of great use as duplicates if you desire to exchange them for those new to you. if so you may send me those that are marked. As soon as I get time I will send you my catalogue.
I am afraid you will not get many ferns from Mr Grant. as I dont think he finds any in his vicinity.

Youre hastily
E. S. Miller

San Francisco Sept. 5th 1873

Geo. E. Davenport Esq

Dear Sir

I just returned from the Country and the collection of California Ferns are nearly all made. I have found about 10 new species, which makes in all some 30 varieties, however, I have no dried fronds of 5 varieties; of all the others I preserved a lot of fronds and dried them, as well as could be done. There may be 500 to 600 fronds of the different kinds, all the way from 10 to 30 of each. It is difficult way out in the woods to preserve them and more trouble than it is worth. Please inform me how many you want for your Herbarium and what they are worth about. I rather dispose of the whole lot for anything to partly repay me for my trouble.

Yours truly

J. A. Miller

San Francisco Jan 10th 1874

Geo. E. Davenport Esq

Dear Sir

I suppose you came to the conclusion the ferns would never come! My time was so much occupied that I could not arrange them, nor look them over. I have forwarded them all by Express yesterday. The charges may be a little more than if I had forwarded them by Mail, but I dont see how I could have packed them, so that they would go safe.

I hope they will give you some satisfaction. I cannot pay much attention to arranging them when I am out in the Country, but I suppose you can do most of that work yourself in your own room.

I am

respectfully

J. A. Miller

I enclose in the box a few of our Catalogues which, if you have a convenient chance, pass over to some of your friends.

San Francisco March 14th 1874

Geo. E. Davenport Esqr.

Dear Sir

Your favor of March 3rd just reached me, and I am pleased to find, that the ferns were welcome and interesting to You. I also received the amount of 7 Dol. remitted, for which I am obliged to You.

The names given in the list enclosed in Your letter, seem to differ from those known here and I would like very much to be clear on the subject. Would You be kind enough to send to me by mail one specimen or piece of specimen of each of the following (copied from Your list) with names attached, and I will return them again to You with the next mail.

No. 1 Polypodium Vulgare
" 4. Phegopteris alpestris
" 7 Cryptogramme acrostichoides
" 9 Pellaea ornithopus
" 10 " " var. brachypterum
" 12 " densa
" 16 Asplenium filix foeminae

✓ 17 Aspidium Noveboracense ✓
✓ 20 Cystopteris fragilis. ✓

As for the Cheilanthes, the specimens sent last are known as Ch. Californicum here, enclosed I send, what is known to me as Ch. gracillima, and only the sp. found in the southern parts of California. Please return the 2 specimens, as I have no more of them and let me know their resp. names.

I also enclose a frond of Asplenium ebeneum which is a very scarce fern here. Is the name correct? ×

I am not a botanist and hardly ever have time to look up anything, except a matter of importance. I would like very much to have a full collection of California tried ferns, correctly named. At some future time I may be enabled to send You specimens of Blechnum boreale and other ferns, as we collect them.

Yours respectfully

S. A. Miller

× A. Trichomanes var incisum
G.E.D

San Francisco March 22nd 1874

Geo. E. Davenport Esq

Dear Sir

In reply to your favor of the 12th inst. I would ~~apply~~ state that the fern „Phegopteris alpestris" I found near the Summit of the Sierra Nevadas, Nevada Co. altitude 7000 feet.

I am much obliged for your kindness in giving me the name of „Botrychium ternatum"

We shall be under necessity to have a large number of ferns identified, this summer, which we continually receive from the Pacific Islands. If you know of any one who will do so, I hope you will let me know.

Yours

truly

T. A. Miller

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1109 M Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.
February 22nd, 1901.

Mr. George E. Davenport,
Dear Sir:

It is stated in the Fern Bulletin, for January, 1901, that you desire authentic lists of ferns from all localities; so I venture to send you a list of those collected by me in the Catskills, during the last three years. Those whose names I felt at all doubtful about, I sent to either Mrs. Britton or Mr. Clute. As for the remaining ones, identified by myself, I am quite sure that they are correctly named, but if you have any doubts on the subject, I am quite willing to satisfy them by sending specimens. I hope that the list may not be utterly useless to you.

Yours very truly,
Mary F. Miller.

For list mentioned see pamphlets
Cto Dec., 1924

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South Haven Nov 12th 78

Mr Geo E Davenport. Sir, your
Postal was duly received. I found
the first fragrant 'Noveboracense'
in Elizabethtown Essex Co N.Y.,
at a place called "New Pond," a small
pond among the mountains. There
was a large plat of it, along a
small brook, where we used to camp
It grew very dense and large Have
got fronds two feet long including
the stipe of course, an unusual
size for this fern. Otherwise it is
not at all different from the common
Noveboracense, excepting always
its vanilla like fragrance. I am
sorry to hear that the Pond has now
become a common resort for tourists

and the fear is likely to be sampled out and lost, along with all the other wonderful things that grew up. I have yet found a single change in ancestry since C. D. and seem to find [illegible] have failed to find a cat [illegible] [illegible] small fish that have been [illegible] [illegible] they were fattened young, because they were small enough for a cat. My only large specimen is badly broken having been [illegible]

Of course I have no [illegible] all pages to the Chas H Field [illegible] the [illegible].

Very truly yours,

Alex E A Millington

My Dear Davenport:

I have the Montana material now all in hand and all ready for the Printer with the exception of Scribner's notes on the Grasses and yours on the Ferns. I hope that ere this you have fully recovered from the shock under which I was so pained to find you suffering when I met you last June. Please accept my most hearty wishes for your full convalescence and believe me

Most sincerely Yours

C. F. Millspaugh

My Dear Davenport:

I rush this on to you without stopping to correct the typographic errors. Will you please run over it and return the proof as soon as possibly, thus greatly obliging

Yours sincerely

O. F. Mikspaugh

My Dear Davenport:-

The pkg. of ferns will go forward to you on Monday by Express. The majority of the specimens are for your herbarium the mounted ones however I should be glad to have you return to the museum

PLEASE ADDRESS ~~[illegible]~~ pkg.
TO THE DIRECTOR,
F. J. V. SKIFF.

at your convenience. The labels in blank for your use I send with this in another envelope. not sent.

Thanking you in advance for the determinations I am as ever Yours very sincerely

C. F. Millspaugh

WEST VIRGINIA
AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION,
BOTANICAL DEPARTMENT.
C. F. MILLSPAUGH, M. D.

Morgantown, West Virginia, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Dear Sir:-

[illegible]

[illegible] herbarium if desired.

Yours [illegible],

C. F. Millspaugh.

Pellaea atropurpurea

FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM
CHICAGO.

Dec 14. 1895

My Dear Mr. Davenport.

In straightening over some odd material to-day I came across a few scrappy forms that may nevertheless be of some interest to you & have therefore mailed them to your address. They are from Brazil, and the Islands of Ruatan and Bonaca on the Honduran coast.

With best regards

Yours very truly

C. F. Millspaugh.

FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.
CHICAGO.

Aug 28th 1896

My Dear Mr Davenport:

Among a lot of 200 new Yucatan plants are 5 filiciniens things upon wh. I shall be glad to receive your opinion. I send a set to you by mail to-day. I think the Adianthums will please your eyes, to me they appear exquisite. With best regards. I remain

Very sincerely yours

C. F. Millspaugh

FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.
CHICAGO.

Dec 26. 1896

My Dear Mr. Davenport.

A new lot of Yucatan plants just received, 83 numbers, yields but one fern, which I send you by this mail. Will you kindly determine it for me and deeply oblige

Wishing you a Happy and prosperous New Year, I remain

Very sincerely yours

C. F. Millspaugh

Polypodium intermedium

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FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.
CHICAGO.

Jany 27. 1897

My Dear Mr. Davenport:—

Please accept my best thanks for the very full bibliography and synonymy of the species of Ferns asked by me. I was sorry to bother you with it, but our library is so infantile in this new Institution that I was compelled to do so. Accept also my condolences upon your eye trouble and my hopes that you may soon become convalescent fit.

FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM.
CHICAGO.

I find now that Gaumer's
534 Cheilanthes microphylla
Sw. is really but a duplic=
ation of his No. 533 which
is now in press in my Contrib. II
and of wh. you have already
had specimens. However if
you desire more of #534
kindly let me know and
I will send you some.

Again thanking you
for your many kindnesses
I remain

Yours sincerely
C. F. Millspaugh.

FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM
CHICAGO.

Chicago, June 26, 1897

Mr. G. E. Davenport,
61 Valley St,
Medford, Mass.

My dear Davenport,

I send you a package containing fifteen (15) numbers of Yucatan ferns collected by Dr. Arthur Schott in 1864-66. (which I should be pleased to have your opinion upon. We have lately acquired Dr. Schott's complete personal herbarium and as these specimens are a portion of it we are compelled to ask their return.

I have forwarded these without first consulting your desire in the matter knowing the kindness of your previous determinations for me.

With best regards I am yours very truly,

C. F. Millspaugh.

Curator. Dept. Botany

FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM,
CHICAGO.

June 30. 1897

My Dear Mr Davenport:-

I find in the Schott collection a large number of farns from "New Granada" probably of the Isthmus Darien expedition U.S. Do you know whether there is any literature of this lot and who named them for him? His herbarium of his is going to enrich my next Yucatan contrib. as it contains about 900 numbers of his plants from that locality

Sincerely yours
C. F. Millspaugh.

Sheldon House,

Pine Orchard, Conn.

E. D. SHELDON, G. L. SHELDON, } Proprietors.

July 24th 1897

My Dear Davenport:

Your kind favor reaches me here, where with my wife, I am taking a few weeks off from official duties.

In looking over the New Granada North Mexican and other collections of Schott, I find that there are yet a few bundles that promise well in Filices, and if his things are unpublished, I would be glad indeed to send the whole lot on to you, which if you judge them of sufficient interest to list for publication I should be glad to issue a publication of them, from your pen, in any shape, (and under your title and auspices) that you desire, the pamphlet to be uniform in size and typography with our Botanical Series.

Thanking you for your kindness in the determination of the fucatec things, I remain Very sincerely yours

C. F. Millspaugh.

Sheldon House,

Pine Orchard, Conn.

E. D. SHELDON,
G. L. SHELDON, } Proprietors.

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Your [illegible] at
[illegible] [illegible] quite
an [illegible] name at least! Dr.
Schütt's plants had [illegible]
Eaton's lands, but the question still
remains: Did they then publish
either as a name, or rather in part
I feel quite confident that [illegible]
a considerable number of his [illegible]
[illegible] or at least [illegible]
[illegible] names in association with the labels
giving the locality, and the unassorted
packages may yield many more.
It would seem therefore that much
a special interest may attain in a
looking over of the lot. The fact that
there are many Mex. Bound. autotypes
in his herbarium that do not appear
in the publication of the survey serves to
heighten this impression.

Sheldon House,

Pine Orchard, Conn.

E. D. SHELDON,
G. L. SHELDON, } Proprietors.

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Should you still desire to work on the lot, I will leave the whole matter in your hands with pleasure. This moss, algae etc. I have to be paid to this publication & i.e. the Mex. Bound & Panama survey lot. The algae must amount to about 200 members, many of them honor names with interrogation attached.

Yours very sincerely

C. F. Millspaugh

FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM,
CHICAGO.

Oct 12. 1897

My Dear Mr. Davenport:

I caused to be forwarded you by Express (chgs pd). yesterday the Schott Gems, will you kindly drop me a postal announcing their safe arrival to your hands. I should be glad to have you write upon the sheets or attach a note to same as much as you see occasion to do. I am inclined now to publish Schotts American Plants and would be pleased to have you contribute Part II

FIELD COLUMBIAN MUSEUM,
CHICAGO.

"Filices." Prof Farlow will have Part I "Algæ". I think his Panama, Mexico, Mex Bound, and Campeche plants will make quite a volume. I shall in my "Part" quote bibliographic index to the author of the species as accepted thus:

Ramalina rigida (Pers.) Mich. Am. Lich., i. 22. the usual way. and as much synonymy as you please or as little. Hoping that you will find the plants interesting I remain

Sincerely Yours
O. F. Millspaugh.

Sp. Pl. 1542

Sp. Pl. p. 1543

Flor. Ind. Occ. p. 1655

(Syn. 36

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I hold [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

Mary [illegible]

125TH ST. AND 8TH AVE., EUROPEAN PLAN.

Colonial Hotel,

McKEEVER BROS.,
PROPRIETORS.

Telephone Call, 781 HARLEM.

NEW YORK June 23rd 1899

E. NOONAN, MANAGER.

My Dear Davenport

I shall be at the Gray Herbarium Harvard on Friday to Monday next clearing up the last of the "snags" in my N. J. collection of last winter. Should you run into Boston during those days I should be glad indeed to meet you there. I leave here to-morrow morning. Now did the W. J. forms come out, you received them O.K. I hope some time in April.

With best regards I remain
Yours very sincerely
A. F. Mierzejewski.

we could not seem
to find any until
I fortunately thought
of asking you.
So we are very
much obliged.
Yours sincerely,
C. Stevens.

Louisburg Sq.
October 30. 1899.

Dear Mr. Davenport,
Thank you very
much for the specimens.
They are very fine
specimens.
The set of stems
we were making up for the fair
for the U. S. Hospital
for Women & Children
was not complete
without these.

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28 E. Walnut St.
Oneida, N.Y.
Apr. 12, 1897.

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport,
Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:—
I send you some ferns which I gathered in low grounds several years ago for Aspidium Noveboracense, but found that they differed in several respects from that fern and concluded they must

in variations from the type. I have lately compared them with a specimen of Dryopteris simulata from Maryland, and it seems to me they strongly resemble the latter, though they may be intermediate forms.

Therefore I take the liberty to send them to you, trusting you will kindly set me right in regard to them.

I am sorry I cannot send you a better specimen and more complete data, but they must have been gathered when I first began to study ferns, and was glad to know them even by name.

Inclosing a stamp for reply, I am,

Very truly,

Nellie Mirick

A. Eisenstein

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from either C. Phelypteris or C. Thelypteroides, with which are found in the same moist

[illegible] enough me to answer perfectly your description which is in Gardeners and Forest some time ago. When [illegible] the lower pinnae were turned forward as in Onoclea Sensibilis Sensibilis though that nature does not appear in the dried

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport
Davenport Preservatory.

Still you readily identify or may some specimens of Cryptogramma which I have taken the liberty to send you?

The consideration of specimens in the dri-

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[illegible] part of
the business, in case
you do not care for them
all.

Sincerely
[illegible]
[illegible]
East Twenty Street
India Ink York
January 11, [illegible]

Dear
Life adore as mysterious
Sound matters. Obeys & disappears.

December 25, 1905.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

In response to your offer in the Fern Bulletin for October just received I send herewith stamps for a specimen of *Dicksonia pilosiuscula* var. *crispata* which I shall be pleased to add to my collection.

Very truly,

Nellie Mirick.

2 East Chestnut Street,
Oneida, New York.

Mobile May 14th 1878.

George E. Davenport Esqr.

Dear Sir!

Your lines of 10th inst have just come to hand; It gives me pleasure to be able to respond to your wishes in regard to the Pteris cretica; I have no proper specimens on hand, but I shall make it my business to get some with ease, sending a few in the living state with others prepared. - I am sorry to say that I have but one good specimen of Pellea flexuosa in my collection. ~~the below~~ from the Riddlian herbarium. - I shall with the above send you a good specimen collected by myself near Orizaba Mexico. —

I sincerely beg you to excuse the delay in acknowledging your kind favor received last month. — It was quite impossible for me to find time to look over my herbarium in search of the Botrychiums; ~~the~~ have been almost without any help in my business until Cathy and in consequence deprived of any chance to work at home. —

I will send the specimens at the end of this or ~~early~~ next week. — I should be glad to receive one of your printed catalogues of N. A. Ferns. — I remain very respectfully Yours Chas Mohr

Mobile Ala. June 6th 1878

George E. Davenport. Esqr.

Dear Sir!

Enclosed I send you a few specimens of Pteris Cretica. – On the full grown specimen the infertile fronds ~~are~~ nearly all dead at this season of the year, to ~~make~~ give a fuller representation of the plant I was forced to take up a few young plants of this years growth; As this ~~species~~ is confined here (so far as known at present) to a single locality I can not risk ~~the~~ to collect more but a few specimens annually. – Next fall I will send you some living plants. –

I remain very truly

Yours

Ches Mohr

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Mobile August 30th 1878.

George E. Davenport Esq.

My dear Sir!

I should have replied before this to your kind favor of 24th l. month, but it did take me considerable time to get all the necessary information to satisfy myself that if the Polypodium serratum can be regarded as an indigenous fern. – For that purpose I made the closest inquiries in to history of the surroundings where this pretty fern is found, and have learned that the ~~spot it~~ banks of the small watercourse inhabited is still covered with the original forrest growth, and that thereabouts no garden ground ever existed in which plants of his order were cultivated. – In my mind there is no doubt that it belongs to the few & intertropical cosmopolites, which upon this coast have found their most northern limits as amongst the mosses, Rhizogonium spiniforme and Hypnum microphyllum (Swartz) and Lycopodium cernuum of the Lycopods. – I send you to day per mail some living plants of Aspidium patens, the true A. molle of Kunze. I hope it will arrive soon enough to start to grow in your greenhouse. It is very pretty the numerous fronds grown about 3' high. – I hope to be able to get out to collect a variety of which suspected to belong to A. Ludovicianum Kunze, a very obscure plant at the best, as I have already promised to Dr Eaton. –

I know it will interest you when I have the happiness to add that so far our city has happily escaped the visitation

which ~~actually~~ caused such heart rending distress and miserie in New Orleans, and other cities on the Mississippi and the N. E. Rail R. lines.

Enclosed I return with thanks the catalogue of plans and enclose a list of my desiderata. —

I remain very truly

Yours

Chas Mohr.

Mobile Ala. March 3d 1879.

Mr. N. A. Davenport.

My dear Sir!

Your esteemed lines of the 27th and your highly valued package have duly arrived. The contents of same have delighted me greatly forming the most intresting acquisition to my herbarium I have received. – Please accept my most sincere thanks; nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be able to send you some plants that would please you. – Yesterday we enjoyed as beautiful an early spring day as our southern skies can afford, and I felt truly happy to be able to escape the atmosphere of the drug store and to spend a few hours of the afternoon in strolling through the nearest field and woods. – I was anxious to find out how there's semblance stood the early arctic spell, that visited us so in the beginning of this year. –

I was rejoiced to find it under the shelter of the Creekbank, & Tinyoak near fertile fronds, with the old sterile ones yet alive and ~~plenty~~ young ones just coming out plentifully. – There will be soon a new supply of specimens to meet the numerous enquiries of my friends, but I shall most carefully guard it from extirpation. –

I was glad to meet with success in my efforts to procure specimens of the B. bratum var. lunaroides for You; I collected about a dozen fine specimens, ~~of~~ with the sphiloglossum bulbosum, which I have now in press for You and shall forward by the earliest opportunity. (that is when dry). The plant agrees exactly with the southern lunaroides described and figured in Eaton's Bot. of N. A. – As a ~~gen~~ peculiar character can be mentioned that the sterile fronds are always closely adpressed to the ground, one I have not observed to be true to any other ~~varieties~~ species of the Genus. – Does ideas about species are much shaken to find forms like this that will be regarded as mere varieties. – I add another form collected with ripe spore cases in October, the ~~bases~~ sterile fronds somewhat similar in division and form of ultimate segments but erect. –

I remain with many thanks respectfully
Yours
Chas. Mohr.

P. S.
You will oblige me if You will send me a copy of Your Catalogue; I shall forward the cost of it as soon as received. –

C. M.

Mobile Ala May 2d 1892.
931 Dauphin St.

Mr. Ge. E. Davenport. —

My dear Sir!

Please accept my best thanks for your kind letter of 2 & enclosing the specimens of Ophioglossum vulgatum. — Strange that I have never been able to find this plant since I first observed it in this vicinity in 1860. — I hope to be a good part of my time in the field throughout this State during the coming season, and I shall not fail to remember your desires, whenever I happen to get hold of one or the other of the more interesting Alabama ferns. — At present my stock of duplicates is completely exhausted. —

Be assured that it shall always give me great pleasure if I can be of any service to you in your pteridological researches. — Very truly yours Chas Mohr

Mobile Ala March 12th 1896.

Mr. George E. Davenport.
Medford Mass.

My dear Sir!

On receipt of your of 7th. I immidiately looked over the specimens of Botrychium lunaroides I have yet on hand. – Unfortunately the material is rather scanty, I have no duplicate left and the species is not as well represented in my herbarium as it should be. – I find in my collection two specimens collected March 10th. 1879. The label of another bears the date March 4th. of the same year. In the first the spore cases were all open and the spores discharged, the panicle beginning to turn blackish. The latter showed the sporangia mostly open, yet full of spores the panicle of a fresh yellowish color, all three plants with a single frond. – Two specimens on an other sheet collected March 11th 1892 show two fronds from the same root, in one the panicle blackish and spores ~~also~~ discharged. – In the other the

but a few sporecases remained unopened. — In a specimen collected February 10th of the same year the panicle was green, the spore cases immature, below their full size. — The sterile segment of the frond fully developed. — In none of the specimen before me can I find a frond of a different periode of vegetation. I have not yet found a plant with an old withered frond holding over from the previous season. — The fertile ~~fronds~~ segments are by the end of March completely dried up and the sterile discolored and more or withered. — I have never encountered the plant during the warmer season. —

From these observations it seems that the period of vegetation of this perennial extends from the earliest days of spring, or of January, to the begin or middle of

April. – I have a great desire to look for thistles again before the close of the season; I have been unfortunate, prevented by bad health to indulge in my wonted botanical rambles. –

Until the week before this the season was quite backward; under the influence of the warm showers prevailing since, the vegetation has progressed with rapid strides roses begin to bloom, dogwood and Red bud are unfolding their flowers. –

Yours very truly

Charles Cooper

CHAS. MOHR, PH.D.,
16 STARNES AVE.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 27th. 1901

Mr Geo. E. Davenport.
Medford Mass. —
Dear Mr Davenport!

Yours of 21 c. reached me by the way of Mobile to day, else I would have replied to it before this. — There also before me Your letter of last March which addressed to my old home years mislaid then and reached me but some (in April) weeks ago. — On its receipt I asked a friend in Mobile there to see whether he could collect a few specimens of Botrychium biternatum. The plant had however thus late in the season almost entirely disappeared. My material except the few specimens in me Herbarium is totally exhausted. I regret that I am not able to meet Your wishes. — Some years past while yet living at Mobile, I made up set of nearly all the ferns I collected in the South for Mr Christ, and both of the desired ferns must I should think have been among them. I hope that he will not fail to have this southern material at hand.

Failing health and strength compelled me to leave my home at Mobile, after a residence there of 40 years. —

Applying to Mr. C. D. Beadle of the Biltmore Herbarium Biltmore N.C., You might be able to procure specs of B. obliquum (Willd) (= B. ternatum obliquum). — I am doubtful whether B. biternatum (= B. ternatum lunaroides) occurs in North Carolina. —

Very respectfully Yours
Charles Mohr

CHAS. MOHR, PH.D.,
16 STARNES AVE.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., June 22d 1901

Mr. Davenport.

My dear Sir!

Some time after I write to You last it struck me that there might possibly some duplicates of the desired Botrychiums among a lot of specimens which I sent to the University of Alabama just before I left my old home (Mobile). I made enquiries at this effect and I am glad that in response I received the specimens which I forward to You with to days mail. It gives me real pleasure to be thus able to meet the wishes of our valued correspondent Dr. Christ.— I only regret that I did not receive this matter earlier so as to meet Your request before this.—

Very truly Yours

Charles Mohr

Not. P.S.

I will add that the specs of B. lunaroides are somewhat smaller than found usually on account of the very dry season when they were collected.

C. M.

South Limington, Maine,
Sunday. July 13, 1902.

My dear Mr. Davenport,

The Rhodonas came last week but circumstances have prevented my acknowledging them before today. I have enjoyed your articles exceedingly and I

If any, perhaps in the interest of nature, study, you will be so kind as to let me know.

It was only a couple of years ago that I came to know zeros especially, and see I know about Chain I got by bringing in zeros and identifying them as best I could from Mr. Parson's book.

There are many chances for bird study - walks and talks with various or-ni-thological people - how fine it would be were there few tramps where the amateur thirsting for knowledge might learn first hand from those who know. Perhaps there are such walk and instruction. If you know have found a great many people who know everything, was [illegible] in them, I [illegible] about birds except what I have picked up from Pro. Parsons popular book fully Birds of Eastern.

I am a great enthusiast and mean that each season which find me a larger way fruitful in the road to bird knowledge.

But I am tremendously enthusiastic. Sometime perhaps I may venture to ask you - in the midst of your cares - to tell me the best way to go at the study of ferns.

These articles of yours are exceedingly interesting and

instructive. I have
read almost noth-
ing upon Zeno ex
cept the book men-
tioned so I especially
appreciate your
kindness

Once more thank-
ing you,

I am

Very sincerely yours.

Elizabeth M. Moody

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Malden Sept 7.

Geo E. Davenport Esq

Dear Sir.

I received the package inclosing the ferns yesterday the gentleman who brought it left so hastily I had not time to make an acknowledgement. I am much pleased to get them, especially the Pellaea which I have never seen before. accept my cordial thanks.

Singularly enough, almost immediately after you left us last Sunday we found several fine specimens of the "obtusilobata" I received a very fine one, that we Morandi found. We ~~also~~ found a new water plant which I never saw before and have not

the slightest idea what it is.
It has a leaf like the Oxalis, but
with four leaflets, the whole leaf
is rather larger than Oxalis Acetosella
and floats flat upon the water at
the top of a slender stalk which
springs from slender creeping
roots as near as I could judge.
I found neither flower nor seed
vessels. Do you know what
it is? If you do I should very
much like to know.
I shall be very well again
for a day at botanizing
I am
Respectfully Yours
Henry L. Moody

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My Dear Mr Davenport

I brought home to day from Gardner specimens of Streptopus roseus the Clintonia the Pinxter-flower and Tiarella Cordifolia all of which I was very glad to see as they all but the Pinxter are new to me. I think you may possibly like to see some one of them. If so we have plenty. On second thought I will send a specimen of each by father and you can see if I am right as to names. I shall be away early tomorrow morning or I would bring them myself. Yours Truly

Henry L. Moody

My Dear Mr Davenport.

I had a few words said to me last evening that afforded me so much pleasure that I must write to you about them. What was said to me was done with the understanding that it was not to go abroad, so you must not repeat what I write to anyone. You may think it all a trifle but I think it significant.

I was talking with one of the trustees of the library about library matters when he suddenly changed the subject by saying, "Your school is about to extend the limits of its work, is it not? and pattern somewhat after the Essex Institute." I told him it was, He said, "Yes I have heard so. Well Can't you manage to have its head-quarters in Malden?" I told him they were already here. He seemed pleased but simply said "Oh! yes, well! I hope it will become an honor to the town." By this time my curiosity was aroused for I saw he had some object in exploring somewhat

questions, and I gently hinted that I was a little interested to know why he wanted to know about us, and finally said, "Well! "Mr Moody between you and I, I have every "reason to think the library will have a building "and if we do it is possible that provision "might be made for your club in it. but this "is between you and I strictly". I was so pleased and am so pleased that I must violate his confidence to the extent of telling you. Of course it may never amount to anything, but the trustee in question, is by far the strongest on the board & takes the lead in most every department of the business of the library. So as I say it is significant, but of course it will be a long time, perhaps, if ever, before we shall get a building for the library but if we do I think the Club stands a chance of being provided for.

Yours truly

Henry.

Malden Nov 13/98.
Miss Selous comes to night.

Malden Sept 4

Dear Mr. Davenport

I recd the pkg containing your letter book & newspaper several days ago and ought to have replied at once for the reason that you are such dem sensitive old boy. I have no doubt you have had all sorts of fears about sketching the book, but I in fact had forgotten all about it, but if I had not should have thought nothing of it. I looked for you last Wednesday for they said you were coming, but you failed us. We had a very small ~~time~~ party but a pleasant time. I had to come away on the 2-30 train, the rest came down about 6 o'clock. I want to go to Reading again. I think there is good sketching there. Do you know I am trying very hard to sketch, and Mr Bicknell spoke very high praise of one I did lately, which I will show you. I will try to see you soon.

Yours Truly
Henry L. Moody

I believe I am always in a hurry. My letter is very like a school boy's.

Dear Mr Davenport.

The flower exhibition is postponed until Tuesday Sept 19th The appointing it for the 5th was a sort of take-our-chances arrangement for none of the committee had a decided opinion as to what time was the best

I have met Carlsen since I saw you & have had several talks with him & even out sketching once with him & find him a delightful man to know, ~~and~~ Very straightforward and sincere, in fact his singlemindedness and sincerity is so refreshing that I find my self watching him great for the pleasure of listening to his naive expressions. I could see in the first moment of meeting with him that you were entirely correct in your estimate of him.

Yours Truly
N. L. Moody

Will you be over next Wednesday evening?

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Ashland, Mass, May 12, 1888.

My dear Mr Davenport.

I have your card of the 9th inst. I find myself now disappointed about a Camera. My friend whose instrument I was to use writes me that it has become so injured as to be unfitted. Do you know of any second hand instrument anywhere which I could buy for a small sum? My funds are much restricted & my expenses for the Southamerican Expedition are going to be very large (immense for me) and so I have to husband expenditures as much as possible.

It would be very desirable for me to carry a camera and the materials for taking pictures if possible, but I don't know after all as I shall be able to accomplish it.

I am glad to know about the new films. I dare say they

even at a dollar a day. They would make no offence in carrying, though, of course, I should be glad to spend less, on them.

As to day (Saturday) turns out, it would hardly have been of any use to us to go out of doors, of course. I trust that we may be able to go next Saturday with better weather.

Please write me by Wednesday if you can.

With thanks for your kindness I am

Very cordially yours

Thomas Young

H Ashland, Mass. June 22 1888

Mr G. E. Davenport

Dear Sir. I send you by Express my last attempts in the picture line. 4 of them are glass plates & 2 celluloid films. The 2 last should be good, as I took great care with them, both in putting in the films & in their exposure. The glass plates were put in with the failures which I showed you the other day, & I think were spoiled by the admission of white light when the plates were placed in the holders. I am satisfied that the trouble was with the little ruby lantern

which allows white light to leak out in half a dozen places, at the top, bottom & sides, quite enough to vitiate the plates. As it was sold, I don't think it the right thing, and the traders who sell it ought to warn a "greenhorn" of this fact. I have had to encase it in a covering of yellow paper, all but the red glass slide, through which the light shines. I'll tell you more about it when I see you.

I am going out now quite often till I learn the art of taking views, if I spoil 20 plates. So, will you please develope these plates as soon as you can?

I am expecting to come to Boston next Tuesday (June 26) and will call to ascertain the results and get the holders.

I like the instrument well, as it is neat & compact, and the apparatus works admirably. If the lens is good and my eye & taste can catch the art of focussing & exposing correctly, I don't see why I shall not succeed pretty

Very truly yours
Thomas Moran.

if they are worth it.

Remember also, if you please, to keep an account of the expense in all cases of development & printing, so that when I settle for the films, I may also pay the other.

Very truly yours
Thomas Moran.

Ashland, Mass. July 2, 1888

My dear Mr Davenport

I trouble you with six more photographs for developement, and one (on the outside of the others) taken before, which you kindly offered to print.

Of the six new ones, two are on glass plates, one a cottage barn, my own dwelling-house, & the other my meeting-house. If these prove good, I shall wish them printed. Both these were taken with 32 diaphragm & about 1 second exposure.

Of the 4 others on ivory films, two are landscapes,

one a dwelling house & one an old ice house & trees.

At least, these were my intent. I don't know but I have some of them mixed by not turning the black surface of boards in the holders outwards, & so ex=posed one or more twice. I am very absent-minded, & often in a hurry mix up things in that way.

I hope the focussing in a LC cases is good. I have attended to that very carefully; but the light & the exposure bother me a great deal. White light gets in, too, - how I know not. It may filter in through the slits in the holders when the covering slides are with=drawn.

The ivory films were taken with 16 diaphragm & about 1 second exposure, generally (I do not know but all) with a cloud over the sun.

Don't you think a thin cloud over the sun better than bright sunlight? I can't get a house good which is in the shade on one side, & the roof or another side in bright sun=light. — Please print the duplicate picture, if you think it worth printing — also the two dwelling houses & the church,

12. Marlborough St.
Dec. 23rd 1907.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I have long been meaning to ask you to please accept this little sum as an honorarium for the delightful paper on Ferns which you contributed to the Society for the Protection of Native Plants.

Yours truly

the Lake Society, & willingness to take the trouble to write for it was much appreciated.

It will be a great pleasure & gratification to me if you will accept the cheque as a token of appreciation —

Yours very truly,
Frances R. Morse.

West Medford, Mass.
July 1, 1900.

Dear Mr. Davenport:-

Robert and I thank you for the pictures you sent us of the ferns.

We think they will help us very much in naming the ferns we get. We are going to c collect ferns this year, and get some flowers in aditionto those we got last year.

There is much change in the weather from what it was the last three or four days.

We are going down to Bayville Me., and we here that it is very good botanizing and we hope we shall bring home some new flowers we have not got.

Good bye from us both,

Yours very truly,

Philip B. Morss.

Orange May 1st 77

Mr Davenport

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of the papers for which please receive my thanks.
I expect to return to Syracuse on Monday at the latest.
If you please to send some to answer my questions - address care M. J. Myers State Bank Syracuse N.Y.

In haste

Yours respectfully

Frances J Myers

Orange Aug 2nd 1[illegible]

Mr Davenport

Dear Sir

I regret very much that your kind letter received last evening - because I want to - and because I expect to be allowed by the dear Dr to go home in a day or two. I have sent to my kind Physician the Catalogue of N A Fevers by yourself - he already has Robinson's - and also a copy of the part of your good letter containing information interesting to him - He is not now suffering from Hands but in an offensive form itself. I know how it comes to be laid aside from loved work - God grant his suffering may be short. He has some doubts

varieties, could you help him
in collecting more?
The recreation found in this
study may do much for
him - I will send you his address
and perhaps you can assist him
and quite likely you may
know him as he is from
your City - Dr J G Perry
113 Madison Avenue
New York
N.Y.

If in my fern hunting I can
find any specimens which
will be of use to you do let me
help you - I go often into the woods
at home with my children
and can easily send you
what we find. I cannot
analyze very well alone but
you can do that part. My five
children have so far interfered
with hair work to a degree - but
I hope soon to study again.

Should you wander to Syracuse
do call upon us -
Yours respectfully
Frances J Myers

I wish to pay postage on ferns and
also for another copy of your catalogue

Is there any way in which I can obtain copies of the Medford Chronicle for 1876 - containing your papers on Ferns? and have you any other publications which I can procure? & how & at what price?

glad to send you anything that I have or which could be of service to you — If you are fond of "Photoendia" I have received the address of persons more from Mexico than by study, can only analyze our common vase ware. The catalogue of which I speak even though "badly disjointed" will be very acceptable. If parted with the one I received please you will regret — but felt it would be of great benefit.

When your "Paper on B Limpidy is published" will you let us know — cannot I see a copy of the "Work on American Ferns"? please —

Hoping I may be able to be of use to you —

Neither Mrs Kimball nor sister Frances are very well this spring. Our City is full of "Malaria" and we all have its effects.

Yours Respectfully
Frances Griffiths

Newport R.I. 24 [illegible]

Dear Mr Underwood

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

articles written for the "Hartford Chronicle", have made copies also for myself — Received invitations through the Courtesy of the workmen Ferns and have sent to Plate & Specimen lists. I think Mr. will be a good map. Some who will wish to subscribe for the work. Mrs Rust Miss Benedict have gone to day with a large party to "Montfields Golf" they found B. Multicaulifolium there some two years or more since. I did not dare undertake so long a drive — Very good Physician's advice I must pass everytime in the open air, and in order to do so profitably and pleasantly I want an object Cannot I help you in some way?

I am very sorry for your ill health — and hope you are better now. We will all be very glad to entertain you here, if you will honor us by coming. You would doubtless enjoy our wanderings — Our summer boarding place is but eighteen miles from here, by rail, & some nine hundred feet higher — and a most beautiful country. We expect to move end of tomorrow morning My address will be

(Cazenovia Madison Co. N.Y.)

I shall be very glad to hear from you and will be more prompt in acknowledgement.

Yours respectfully

Frances [illegible]

so not consider yourself as
under the <u>slightest</u> obligation
to me for any thing I may
obtain for you. I am all selfish
in wishing for an object
as otherwise the advised
out door exercise will do me
no good. The Sedofendrium
grows in such inaccessible
places here that we are
glad to say - but few find
it, it is in danger of being
lost near Syracuse.
With many kind wishes
for your health
I remain Yours respectfully
Frances J. Myers

Cazenovia
July 5/97

Dear Mr Davenport

The papers and
report of A Society are
received. please accept
my thanks for the same.
I sent you this morning
by mail. Some Scolopendrium
and to prevent breakage
packed in box with
other roots. The little
bit of Rutamuraria
was all I dare take. There
is so little left and it
is so difficult for a woman

to get. We found it at Perryville falls in this Co. I have a little Pellea gracilis for you which a friend (Mr Ford) reached for us - at Chittenango falls - This vicinity is very rich in ferns and flowers. Most beautiful Dicksonia, Cistatum - and the rock ferns - Mrs Rust is coming out to explore a swamp called the Moraine because of the hard gravel road which runs through it. I know we shall find some treasures out there. How I wish you were here to go with us to all these lovely places. I love to go with those who see the Master's hand in all creation. I never used to be afraid to climb anywhere, but now since I have grown stout, and ~~get~~ so dizzy - it is better to be careful. I see you have marked Ophioglossum as "desiderata". do you want more? I can easily obtain it at Oneida have a good deal now pressing - but it is quite young.

Syracuse July 15/75

Dear Mr Davenport

I went to Auburn on Friday and am returning to Cayenovia via Syracuse. I found some little fronds of Botrychia - I will send them all as there seem to be some slight differences. I have found his "simplex" with 3 midrib. I fear these will be broken and withered by the time they reach you but perhaps you can make them grow. This very warm weather makes one feel very much like keeping quiet, the air here is quite different from Cayenovia air. There it is pure and fresh - while here it is filled with malaria.

Your postal card came last week, Mr Cassino sent me circular regarding "the work on Ferns". I hope to send you something useful by & bye – do you care for Acrostichoides var incisum? I have some good specimens from Oneida, our Asphodelus as you know is "Vulgatum" do you care for it?

I think Mr Cassino is not very prompt in filling orders. I sent for a Botanical directory some time since, but have not received it.

With kind regards
Yours respectfully
Frances J Myers

Mr Davenport has not sent me by mail. "Ferns in their homes and ours by Jno Robinson" I have enjoy it. Mr R promised some time since to send me some fern specimens but has not done so — quite likely he has forgotten it.

H

Glen Haven
Cortland Co N.Y.
July 25th

Mr Davenport
Dear Sir

In the midst of your busy life have you forgotten your promise to try what you can do by way of finding specimens to sell? You may remember that I asked you some time since if you were willing to break up your lots of ferns and sent you the desiderata of a friend. He is quite anxious to complete his collection and finds it difficult and also expensive to carry on a correspondence for that purpose. I see by the Bulletin that you are turning your attention to "Vascular Cryptogams" I wish I knew enough to assist you, I am very ignorant on

that
subject. Am finding treasures up here at the head of Skaneateles Lake when I have come for the benefit of my five children. Have found across the lake Tillaea Vacilis, Cystopteris Fragilis and Bulbifera and lovely little specimens of Marginale nicely fruited. Nearly all the Marginale this year seems to have the lead colored indusia, not a few have very small lower pinnae, it is this a variety or can it be some other species?
Above here in the swamp I have found Aspidium Cristatum and Spinulosum in all its varieties especially var Bootii. Of course the Adiantum Pedatum & acrostichoides, B Virginicum are abundant. When I feel strong enough to climb the hills possibly I may find other Botrychia. I wish some one here who would enjoy searching with me. Out of more than an hundred people I find none but my children to go with me: Quite likely the warm weather has something to do with it. I hear that Mrs Barnes has been ill at the North Woods. am very sorry - not since her husband has been away - (he went to England) she has worked herself ill. she has been very lonely.
After all when one's work is done there's no use in living - Rest looks very desirable to the tired. If I can help you in your work I shall be very glad to do so - do you wish for any more ferns?
Very respectfully
Please direct to Syracuse instead. Frances Dayton

Syracuse Aug 4th

Dear Mr. Dorenfeld

Mr Myers sent me Eggers Catalogue & package of seeds which I shall have in my collection. The "Acros" was excellent. "Jean" is most quite lost. "New" was badly pleased at that but as I see he may be pressed for seeds in other collections perhaps it might be as well to make them wait.

Don't imagine I am "softed" in mind; not at all, but getting it is easy to get a large number and but little work to care for them. It gives me needed pleasurable occupation.

Only wish I could find some rare varieties for you.

you want any of the numbers
you please let me collect for
you, that is if there are good
enough. I sit because they
were young that they discolored
so badly, & changed the paper
quite often. The numbers
indicated locality - where
packing & purposed sending
by mail. Here is the list.

No 1 1877 Moraine near Cayenna
2 1877 Cliffemungo falls "
3 1876 North wards Mrs Barnes
4 1877 Syracuse
5 1877 Oneida
6 1877 Perryville Hills near Cayenna

Dr Barnes tells me his wife
has discovered a Bigelow Farm?
What is it?

In haste

Yours respectfully
Frances J Meyer

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] correct — [illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]

Narragansett [illegible] and at

Richmont near New York.

Enclosed [illegible]

Names of [illegible]

[illegible] as you would have

none — being independent one

seconds for [illegible]

The [illegible] on [illegible]

[illegible] Testatum was directum

[illegible] Correct? This is the

[illegible] found which I found

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Tremulat Cockerell [illegible]
Coast of [illegible]
Polypodium [illegible]
Adiantum pedatum
var. [illegible]
Asplenium ebeneum
" Filix-fœmina
Phegopteris polypodioides
Aspidium Thelypteris
" noveboracense
" Marginale
" Cristatum
" var. [illegible]
" Stichum [illegible]
Onoclea sensibilis
Dicksonia punctilobula
Osmunda regalis
Adiantum Capillus
var. [illegible]

[illegible] d'ut [illegible] [illegible]
R. F.

Pteris [illegible]
Asplenium [illegible] [illegible]
Aspidium [illegible]
" [illegible]
Dicksonia [illegible]
Osmunda regalis
Onoclea sensibilis
[illegible]

If you come to come to Syracuse
you can save far more than
some more potential disease
to overcome for. Your friend
Mrs Hunt is not well today.
She has been vacillating great
disappointment for her this week

Respectfully
[illegible]

Syracuse Jan 5-18

Dear Mr Dewey Just
the postal card is
received. Thanks for the
"Bulletin" also received. Shall
be very glad when I can see the
Geo Heilmuth record upon
some decen interesting bone
I do not recall seeing bone
there "oft" [illegible] adel some
of them to Dewey collection.
Notice the Geo "Hilmuth" -
I have received Given Mss Farmers
Receivers of Disciples also
specimen of Matricaria foliosa
showing bud form - wonderful!
wonderful! Hidden in Mat
little flower could discerned
[illegible] - Great the Almighty
[illegible] Creation -
[illegible]

Mr Myers showing how
[illegible] I wished for a lesson on
the simplest, but for it was a
surprise to me. It is about a
hand for master that, having
present it to a friend.
It's not pleasant to find
kindred minds — even though
we be left as far behind.
Never mind. If I ever get well
I can clearly see if not there
there is the great [illegible] and
all the noise was only half there.
I shall the morning with Mrs
Barnes, and we are resolved
if possible to start early
that we may see what we can to
Mothers & such families can and
be too sure of what they can
accomplish — I have read
today your letter to Fred Parsons
[illegible] Mrs Hall [illegible]

it's great interest and
hope for the success of
the Bulletin with pleasure
I have subscribed for it.
For, with I could complete the
collection I have commenced
to form. My heart is so full of
gratitude for his kindness to
me that I feel as if the little
I could do in return would not half
pay. He will have taken
receives more just now [illegible]
92 specimens — some of them
[illegible] varieties of the same species.
As they become rare of course they
are more difficult to obtain —
My collection is growing — I have
some 62 varieties already —
I wonder if you are interested in
all this — I think so from the
[illegible] tone of your letter.

1-24-78

Mrs. Myers,

My Syracuse friends never trouble me, I assure you. It is gratifying to me to know that I have been of any assistance to them, and I will gladly continue to render them any service that I can with pleasure; Why should I not? Their generous dispositions toward me is so constantly shown, that the services they have rendered me far outweigh, in my own mind, all that I have done, or can do for them.

I admire your enthusiasm and wish you had a corresponding degree of health for then I am sure you would accomplish

forms, but I was unacquainted with their work in that direction until after I had begun my own investigations. I think however that I am fairly entitled to the credit of having done the very first work of the kind in this country by having brought forward the results of my study in an entirely new light for this or any country, so far as I now know. I found the genus in great confusion & have the satisfaction of knowing that I have done something, & hope to do more, toward clearing ~~up~~ away that confusion, & placing the different species on a clear foundation. I have a great desire to visit those wonderful "North Woods" of Mrs Barney's & am hoping something will turn up to enable to do so. Meanwhile I hold my Syracuse friends in grateful remembrance. Respectfully

Geo. E. Davenport

a great deal. It seems strange to me sometimes that so many of Nature's devotees should suffer from ill health & physical incapacity to avail themselves of all the means for enjoyment & happiness that our "Good Father" has surrounded us with in this world. Why does she not yield to us some "elixir of life" that will fit us for undergoing every service in her behalf without fatigue?

I thank you for your kind interest in my humble work. Do I not know what it is to be encouraged by kindly sympathy! How often I have ~~thought~~ sunk under the chilling word of some cold nature, and shrunk from offering anything through fear of meeting harsh & perhaps unjust criticism. But the kindly encouragement with which my poor notes & studies have met — from many sources wholly unexpected — draws me on to other & perhaps better work in the field I have chosen for my specialty. O, no, I trust I shall never be betrayed into uttering anything that will serve as a check on another or be unwilling ever to aid any one when it is in my power to do so.

I want to correct one error into which you have fallen in regard to the Botychium buds. I did not discover them. O no, the German botanists had treated of them to some extent only long before I had ever thought of

in your writing, for I may be sure there is great interest and sympathy felt by your "Syracuse friends" and we are thankful that in your future years reason presents so great a wonder. Meantime, keeping up near and in communication with those of whom we can hear, I should like very much to subscribe for the volume Botanical Journal, but cannot this year. Perhaps we can form a "club" and take all the interesting reading matter on that subject. I will try. I see in the last number of the Flora, they place A. ebenoides, as a "natural hybrid" of A. albescens and Gnaphalioides. Representing it as having

and if the husband provides plenty of substitutes, still there necessarily comes plenty of responsibility where she involves. It is a source of great sorrow to me that I am able to do so little. I certainly do wish that "Peter could provide some chairs" for which the students might be each individually to pay for her teaching and also expense for her daily duties. Had my husband been with me at Narragansett the last summer I should have gone to Boston and then have most likely seen you - but I could not go alone

like the latter from the apex of the leaf. I never have seen the ebenoides but once, the specimen which you sent me, and which I added to Dr Perry's collection; not of the fern as they say "an hybrid", tho' we ought to find it here. In two places - one above what is called "Fiddlers Green" near Jamesville - east of here, on limestone rocks - another south of us beyond Onondaga valley, also on limestone rocks, we find L. ph. ampliosorus and ebenoides also in the former atropurpurea. We will look this summer perhaps we may find it. I wonder if Miss Rust has ever looked for it. I will ask her. I am crowing his long letter. Beg you to excuse for encroaching so much upon your time. With many thanks for your kindness

Permit me respectfully to remain yours

Francis Gillespie

3-14-78

Mrs Meyers,

I send the following addresses which I hope will prove of service to you,

Mrs R. M. Austin, Quincy,
Plumas Co, Cal.

Mrs Mary E. Pulsifer Ames
San Jose, Cal. (Santa Clara Co.)

Miss Emily V. Pelton,
Brownsville, Yuba Co, Cal.

Mrs Ellwood Cooper, Ellwood Ranch
Santa Barbara, Cal.

Mr D. Cleveland, San Diego, Cal.

Mr Joseph Howell,
Willamette Slough, Oregon.

These have all been very generous to me. Some of my old correspondents have changed about so that I have lost the run of them, I have done but little in the

way of exchanging letters, and expect to do less this year, devoting more of my time to studying up special points. I wish you and your friends success and shall be glad to aid you whenever I can.

Please excuse hurry and believe me

Very Respectfully Yours
Geo E Davenport

Berlin 3-21-78

Mrs Eyers

I thank you very much for your kind words of encouragement.

I had fully intended to give up, but my friends have remonstrated so earnestly and appear so anxious to have me keep on that I will try to do so.

I feel very grateful to all my Syracuse friends for their encouragement, and will try to repay them for it all in some way.

Respectfully

Geo. E. Davenport

Mrs H. J. Biddlecome, Springfield, Ohio, might prove a good corresponding for you.

4-27-78

Mrs Meyers

If Mr Merrill does not send out better specimens than those he has sent to you I should consider them dear at any price. They are worthless as Herbarium specimens. A. ferruginea is a European form, I should say trichomanoides, but as this is only a form of ferruginea it will do until you get a better and a native one. Cheilanthes Alabamensis is what it should be as you rightly suppose. As for his Aspidium Californicum I have told him & his gardener several times that it was A. argutum of which I can send you a full size fertile frond, if you would like it, by and by.

The true spinulosum you sent to me last season from Oneida Co. and I sent the best frond to Mr Williamson for his Kentucky Fern Book. Sir Joseph Hooker has sent me a specimen of the typical form from England, but I am not yet satisfied as to just what Swartz called it. I mean to investigate it by & by. Thanks for the box of beautiful spring flowers. They were nearly spoiled by the crushing in of the box. A cigar box would have been the best. I would like some roots of the Claytonia some time. The others I have now in bloom in my garden.

Please excuse haste. Respt Yrs. E. Davenport

species is arranged at its opening
and in Prior to your
systematic arrangement
of all the genera described —
&c which will make the work
complete. Now with respect to Professor Fabre's letter
and Sphex Prior's relay, on every
point, I do think he is right
have arranged the plates &c —
so that in reading the text
these should systematically
arranged, which of course we
cannot do with their respective
in same state. Well! I am
sure for one I am very thankful
for the info — and feel with he
might have made it perfect like
he could so easily have done so.
Yesterday received a letter from
Mr Cleveland — but his decision
is entirely beyond consideration
or reflection. So Mr Cleveland
to dispose of his specimens for

Syracuse N.Y.
Feb. 21st 1878

Dear Mr Provancher

Yesterday I was
to go to Penn. I will be absent
for Easter. Entomologists
with — Col. Joy Bryant, Dr
Sessions, Dr Lewis, Prof.
Mr Messitt — Would be glad
you to send specimens for identification
if you may be pleased to do so
from Hendrickson. Have written
upon the mentioned subject of
Mr Messitt what has appeared
to me to be — the Dr said
me too bad Ophthalmia Diptera
looks very like a small species
of Spinulosum — but of course
know not a positive judgment and
it is little cannot arrange it.
The Cat. with Catalogue of genera
for sale. Spend Monday

[illegible] that I should like very
much to obtain, and hoped
[illegible] parcel — very
[illegible], but in view of the
specimens sent and comments at
Condition as to the expectations
of purchasers on his partners
I fear we have been [illegible]
[illegible] and not [illegible] from the
[illegible] — [illegible] at Rivers
to give me your opinion of the
[illegible].

Just now our class is occupied
with Dr [illegible] Spirulaceae
[illegible] anxious to find the
original form — which is our
best authority (Mr Dallinger) —
I should have an unknown
[illegible] — or [illegible] —
as yet all our specimens show
a [illegible] gland. I should
[illegible] Professor Carter had been a little

more [illegible] and explicit
in his addition to Cooke's Fungi
Britannici. Cooke an amateur
finds it very hard to analyze
Spit, for instance — Dr Berkeley
[illegible] notes, he has to consider
division — more [illegible] more minute
in describing it he says —
minute & slit deeply pinnatifid
[illegible] obtuse lobes — &c —
His new work is a sad medley —
in No II we find Dr Berkeley's Sphaeria
Polyotia & Cheiroulitis.
In the Copy in No III we find
Camptosporus & — and Dr Berkeley
pinnatifidus — more — In Lance Quick
is no definition of Mortierella —
I asked him about it a little
while since — he replied —
Mr [illegible] not known — It is
my intention when I come
to the [illegible], to send [illegible]

Dear, I cannot leave them.

I do not seem to recover

the impression to you that

I feel able to purchase at the

Sacrificed price of the Dial -

I did I feel - You do blame

me from Mr Wright - and have

waited for some days his hope

if he will forward them send

but not me to send the Dextra

sorts - They are received, the rest

not been received with those

of the figures which are

[illegible] at [illegible] days.

I think I mentioned that with

[illegible] I have analysing

the specimen of teeth & lit

[illegible] for Waiter, I have

finished that class, and read

up to the Monday afternoon

with the Microscope - but I have

[illegible] finished that by

[illegible] lessons are concerned.

Dear feeling

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Cottl [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible] been disappearing from [illegible]
[illegible] — I [illegible] hope it will
prove [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] been in [illegible] [illegible]
for [illegible].
Together with the Merrills
blessings I wish to be [illegible]
an odd [illegible] found among
the Cristeen's last [illegible]
at [illegible]. I will enclose
stamps for return postage but
am in no haste for the [illegible].
With much respect —
[illegible]

Can I be of any use in collecting [illegible]
for this summer? I wish [illegible]
[illegible] for some wild flowers [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] N.H.
May 2d 1848

Dear Mr. Dearborn

The postal card of the 27th was duly received. I think it not very probable that I should have occasion to visit Exeter. I have been trying to find some person who I could depend upon to take charge of my business there, but have not succeeded. I shall be there next December [illegible]

Yours truly

[illegible]

[illegible]

no money to purchase a new one.
Do you do we feel "hard times" up
here so, or that I really believe
that those who have the money
give it, are those who do not know
how, how to enjoy it, instead of
indulging the sensual feeling. They
only think how to make it
[illegible] and to do
[illegible]

[illegible] we should credit to [illegible]
people. Then we see that the
[illegible] people [illegible]
[illegible] a few we believe, have very
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] illustrate [illegible]
the earth [illegible] to see how
[illegible] other. We also
desire to be [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] speaks, we need [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

Boston Aug. 1 – 1878

Mrs Myers

I must plead ill-health & an unusual pressure of matter ~~for~~ in extenuation of my apparent neglect of your request.

I have not looked at one of my sets for a long time & most of them were left only partially put up. I got discouraged at the result of my efforts to dispose of them, but think of offering them again this fall at a very low price. If I can realize two dollars each clear of postage expenses on them I will let them go for that; otherwise I will give them away. As they are all selected I would

rather not break into them.
In looking at your friends
desiderata I find only two
or three that I could supply
& those I will send you
by & by with pleasure
Just at present I am in
ill health, with sickness in
my family, & lots of work
that I want to do.
I was sorry to learn of
Mrs Barnes illness as I know
how much it will interfere
with the pleasure of her
vacation.
The pleasure that I have
experienced in meeting with
Miss Williams & Mrs Gifford
has made it almost seem
to me as if I had been in
Syracuse.
Wishing you health & many botanical pleasures
I Remain
Very Respectfully
Eva E. Dimmock

Dear Mr Williams, Sept. 28th

I hear that you are so good as to express an opinion that I ought to be pleased to hear my dear Mr Stell - quite right, and I assure you I do feel delighted at the prospect of your visit. Little times Sunshine, Christmas Day, Something more tangible than dreams, "Blessings in disguise" are pleasure also.

Surely the fine weather this week, Mr Williams' lovely weather, Present weather, left off Office, present weather, the fields

We cannot now, but must wait and trust, trust by and bye we shall see clearly in that light. Miss Gifford has told me of her visit with you, the Mrs Pratt, self, and several others went yesterday on a botanical excursion to Dunsfey Hill, were out all day, and enjoyed it very much, We expect Mrs Burnes this week, her husband has returned from England and has gone to N.S to bring her home. Miss Williams returns to her school which commences on Monday, we all wish much to see you here, cannot we induce you to come? My Husband and myself will be very

His children were all
suffer. He helps us in our
troubles, but hides it. Blessed
are those who know it, & believe it
in H. today & tomorrow we shall
find our children again.
They are safe in His keeping
and will feel the tender
and strong of earth no
more, but the little ones
who are taken into our
blessed Saviour's loving arms
are the happy ones, for
who are left are the only
sufferers. Those who have moved
we mourn, saddened yet rejoice
that they are free and happy.
I know just how hard it is

and I know too how blessed it is. We may if we will feel the Father's hand guiding and tenderly leading us all the way along.
Oh how great is the relief and comfort, when we can, just feel the love that is in that great heart for us. Each one may know that he has just as much as if each were the only sufferer, we are individually His care, and He never forgets. So let us come boldly and ask, just look into His face and see the love. If we could only feel the elevation all the while

glad and happy to entertain
you for as long a time as you
may find it convenient to
stay. Dear feeling the
"Malaria" again this summer
it seems to take away all
energy and power of being
useful and comfortable.
My children are all well
but Mr Myers suffers much
from headache and fainting
produced by overwork I think.
He cannot see his way clear
to the east. I wish he could take
our large family demands so
much care and also so much
money. Pardon my long letter
and believe me ever
Sincerely Frances J. Myers.

Alpestris, but it is very unlike the one represented in Baird's Eastern last number. Would you put it into the package just packed. I have a large number of my specimens dis-mounted, waiting for new jars. I at most present is bare or they will all be given away. It shall be very good to have your new catalogue.

I hope I shall not try your kindness too much.

Very Respectfully & Sincerely
Truman H. Aldrich

Fayetteville Oct 13-78

Dear Mr Lawrence

Your great kindness makes me very forward in troubling you; first now I am puzzled about a few or some jars which I found at Glen Haven. Mrs Barnes advises their being sent to you. Are they Bottles or only variations? Second package at same time with this letter. If you wish the specimens you are welcome to them as I have plenty more. If you do not wish to retain them - return with the others &c

[illegible]

If Huntington called he
left a gift for Lee for you
Huntington [illegible] is about
to visit [illegible]
decided about giving it
[illegible] for fear
[illegible]
she spoke of having met you.
Did you see Cathcart making
a species of [illegible]. Perhaps
you will like some of these
[illegible] I do [illegible]
[illegible] specimens.
[illegible] meeting Celt-[illegible]
[illegible] Botanical [illegible]
are exchanging [illegible] but
receive new specimens very
[illegible] — Have [illegible]

this fall from Madrona?
I suppose that [illegible]
a [illegible] perhaps the other
way — several years [illegible]
sent me by yourself —
Mrs Bartlett of [illegible]
Mrs Summers of [illegible] the
Hooks of Oregon are very [illegible]
to me, Miss Vinton also has sent
me several good specimens.
We still make excursions into
the woods but shall soon stop —
My residuata are now so few that
I wish to purchase the sets as being
less expensive and less trouble.
From whom did you purchase
the sets necessary to complete
your collection? Mrs Summers
has sent me some [illegible]

Syracuse Nov 2d '78

Mr Drevenport

Dear Sir,

Having read your paper on the Prevention of Smoke to lately, I very much in it, shall adopt its directions in constructing and lenching of my chimney. I have asked Mr Barnes & Goodale now in taking yr pipes down at Tupper, did you to see the flue of our block lit? if so we shall need a supply. I am feeling too depressed to

all God's good to be very good
and I really believe we of
us are to be as such things
as recovering you well.
I'm expecting to go to Paris
[illegible] next week.
I hope you are recovering
and that you may soon be well
and all health. We need you
we need to be waiting to
give the sense welcome.
Let's all of us, and be sure,
[illegible] [illegible] life [illegible]
[illegible] hope you a letter, but
will be very glad if you can send
me in any way.
Very sincerely Francis [illegible]

Syracuse Jan 13, '9

10 30 PM.

Dear Mr Davenport

At Mrs Rust's suggestion I offered a notice of your Catalogue to our Onondaga Scientific and Field Club. to night at its regular meeting and the following persons gave me their names as subscribers at fifty cents per copy – Miss Avery afterward informed us that twenty five cents is your price so I will not forward the money until I receive your decision in the matter. I presume they will be willing to pay more if necessary

Though of course I cannot be sure without asking.

Think quite likely I can obtain more names from others if you will tell me your plan and price.

I also offered in writing, as our rules call for, your name and that of Prof Eaton as corresponding members of our Club. You will be unanimously elected next meeting. Is this agreeable to yourself.

Very sincerely & Respy
[illegible]

I am anxious to write for you if you [illegible]

Rev C. Wetherby
Mrs E. B. Church
Mrs Mary Perkins
Mrs J. P. Huntington
Mr Parker P. Cleveland
Mrs W. H. Kinsman

Yes I of course all come addressed envelopes
[illegible]

for without them these trials would be harder still. All this please make no mention of, but ~~that~~ kindness shown in your enquiries have led me to say so much — more perhaps than I ought.

I thank you for proposing my name to the Club, and shall esteem as an honor and privilege to be counted as one of your number in that way.

You must not judge Prof. Eaton too harshly. He is very kind to us all & we owe him a great debt. He has so many and arduous duties to perform in connection with his College that we must not expect that he will always be right on forms. Yes, those Osmundas are bad — very bad. ~~but~~ Emerton is not doing himself justice. I suppose it is because he has too much to do.

Respectfully — Geo. E. Davenport

I will see about the fern specimen shortly.

Jan. 17 - 1879

Mrs Myers

I thank you for all your kindly interest in my work. I did rec'd your letter with check for 3 copies of Catalogue, and should have acknowledged it sooner, but I have been very busy. I have added a great deal of matter to the Catalogue, and made it practically more of a Hand Book than a mere Catalogue. It only need descriptions to make it really one. I have also prepared a seperate Check List for exchanges and will see if I can get it printed so as to go with the Catalogue. The extra matter added since

the printer gave me an estimate will probably make it cost more to publish but I do not think there will be any need of increasing the price over 50 cents a copy as proposed. I shall need 150 ~~copies~~ names to secure me from loss but if I was sure of 100 copies being taken I would take the risk of the other 50. I now have 68 copies engaged. Mrs Cooper when here ordered 36 copies but since her return home writes me only to send 12 at a time, so there is 24 copies less than I expected, and I have been feeling discouraged about my prospects with it. If I find that I shall be obliged to give it up, I will return again what money I have rec'd. But I do not like now to give it up it has gone so far, and I know that every one interested in ferns will be glad to have a copy of it. It will be all ready for the printer next week, my present delay being caused by some investigations that I have been making for a new note for A. Boottii, and then I will decide. But I do not know I have been disappointed so far and the trials of last year — which to me was the saddest of my life — have thrown upon me such an additional ~~resp~~ responsibility for this one, that I cannot risk a single dollar in anything and hardly dare trust myself to think of any recreation or pleasure for the next twelve months. Still I do not see how I can give up my ferns studies

Jan. 27 1879

Mrs Myers

I must thank you more than by the simple ac-knowledgement of a Postal, for your kind interest in and assistance for my Catalogue.

It is now in the printers hands, and I shall receive first proof in a few days.

I do not know yet what extra expense my additional matter will make, but it will be considerable.

I shall try to get along without increasing the price. but if I see any necessity for it, will let you know.

The printer says my Mss. is very irregular and difficult

now to estimate on, but I shall know more definitely this week, and as I have a letter from Mrs Barne this morning to answer I will write her about it.

Meanwhile I can only assure you again that I appreciate your kindness and the kindness of my Syracuse friends very much indeed, and shall always be glad to render any return that I can

Very Respectfully Yours
Geo. E. Davenport

P.S. I do not think I should care to pay Lemmon a dollar a piece for the specimens. They will turn up plentifully enough yet. I will try by & by to get more of them myself so as to share with you — G. E. D.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 7-79

Mrs Meyers

I think I can now say definitely that the Cata-logue will be printed and that the price will be 50 cts a copy. The printer has promised to get it out as quickly as possible and I will advise you of its progress.

I have copied my note on Aspidium Boottii and sent it to the Amer. Naturalist to be published in that Magazine as it is supplementary to my Spinulosum paper.

I must thank you again for interesting yourself to get so many names, I shall not forget it.

When I come to sort out

my remaining Society Specimens I may be able to add something more to your collection. If you will send me a list of those you need I will see.

I shall esteem it as an honor to be connected with your Clubs in the manner you propose, and will be glad to be of any service to them that I can. But I fear that I shall not be able to visit Syracuse during the coming season

I am obliged to be brief in writing tonight on account of one of my eyes being bad though I intended writing more at length.

I will advise you of the further progress of the Catalogue which seems now on assured success,

Believe me very truly & Respectfully Yours
Geo. E. Davenport

I can send you A. parvulum shortly
There is no Aspid. Californicum, nor A. Ludovicianum

MIDDLESEX SCIENTIFIC FIELD CLUB.

Medford ~~Malden~~, Mass., Feb. 13 17 1879

Mrs Meyers

I have now recd from the printer his final estimate of cost and though at first it somewhat demoralized me I have resolved to take all risk and publish the Catalogue without changing the price. In making additions I did not realize how much extra work I was doing until the printer tells me that I had just doubled the original mss., and now instead of 26 pages you will get 52 pages of matter. The cost to me will be exactly double and it will take exactly 200 copies to cover the cost of printing alone. But if the "Fern Folk" will only sustain me I will give them something that will be worth a great deal more than 50 cts to them. The "Naturalist" for March will contain my note on Aspidium Boottii and as I am to have extra copies I will send you a slip and it will give you an

idea of the character of the notes in the Catalogue. As soon as I can learn definitely about what time it will be ready I will let you know. I am sorry to learn of Mrs Barnes illness. She wrote me about her little one's sickness. She seems to have more than her share of trouble this winter, but I hope it will soon turn the other way. I fear I shall not be able to supply any of the list of desiderata sent. Those are all rare & difficult to get. Dr Parry when in Boston promised to collect me all he could of those during his Mexican trip, but I have not heard from him as yet. If I get duplicates my Syracuse friends will be the first ones remembered.

With kind regards to all I Remain Very Respectfully

Geo. E. Davenport

March 7. 1879

Mrs Myers

I return Mr Cassino's impudent, ungentlemanly letters. I do not know whether I was most surprised or indignant on reading them. They are discreditable, disgraceful to him, and I should be sorry if you have been in the least annoyed by them.

I have delayed writing hoping to recover from an accident to my eye sufficiently to write at some length, but it continues bad and I have lost nearly a week time in my writing matter which for the most part I do at home evenings. I am afraid I shall not be able to write again

in the evening for some time and I have so much that I ought to do. What use I am obliged to make of it in the daytime tires it severely. Hot ashes from a gents cigar nearly blinded me on Saturday last as I was mailing a batch of circulars to the Bulletin.

Mr. Meyer called yesterday I also rec'd a package from Mrs Gifford which I will examine as soon as my eye will let me do so

Please excuse & I will write soon about my fern duplicates. With your permission perhaps I could send to you a few sets & let you look them over. If of no value you could return them at my expense, or if of value dispose of them for whatever they might bring.

I will consider the matter of Check Lists

Respectfully
Wm. E. Davenport

Middlesex Scientific Field Club.

Malden, Mass., Mch 17th 1879

Mrs. Meyers,

I will send you in a few days half a dozen setts, being all of the smaller setts that I have. The ferns are not named but you will recognize them. You can do just whatever you please with them and if they only yield one dollar a set I will be satisfied. If on examining them you think they are not worth your troubling yourself about you can either return them to me at my expense or distribute them where they will be acceptable. I have eight of the larger setts of 100 specimens (50 ferns & 50 plants) remaining and in them the specimens are all named. I would dispose of them now for $2.00 a sett as I would like to get them out of my cabinet where they take up too much room.

I was pleased to hear that Mr

Cassino had made such a generous atonement for his fault. We are to have no more of Emerton's work. He has given it up on a/c of a situation which he has obtained and Mr Fagan will finish the plates. I think you will be pleased with his work as he has surprised those of us here who did not know of his fine artistical abilities.

I am confined to the house today by a heavy cold, and have been trying to answer a few of the many letters that have accumulated during the past two weeks but my eye will not permit me to do much.

Thanks for the copy of your "Constitution"

Very Respectfully
Geo. E. Davenport

I understand that Mr Edwards is intending to get out a new edition of his "Check List" and perhaps it will be better for me to leave that to him. I will write him shortly about it

G.E.D.

Syracuse Mch 30-79
Saturday P.M.

Dear Mr Stanford

The package came while I was out of town. I only returned last evening. It should have been acknowledged before. I was called at the Bank for the money, which Mr Myers gave me, & I sent Mrs Hoffman to her. As I opened the outside wrapper a piece fell out. I have tried it and will send the tracing, and say I think from the vestige of Indian Bean discovered that it is an Hepidium. For whom did you blend it? Is it to be hung in one of "the sets"? Is the Portychinian Incarnate intended for Mrs Kent? It was in the package addressed to me, but you spoke of sending her a specimen. Both kind

[illegible] I have [illegible] month I have [illegible] I [illegible] I [illegible] I

[illegible] ? I need hardly say how [illegible] to attend
[illegible] Government [illegible]
[illegible] device [illegible] [illegible] What [illegible]
[illegible]. We have [illegible] "He'll [illegible] & [illegible]" [illegible]
[illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible],
point out, we have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for your [illegible].

[illegible]

correct. I let he with of
the Rolle Mining Co. ~~[illegible]~~
order is done. I think I
will about three years and by
time, I can hold that a piece
of land in reserve for the
will remove the [illegible] from
the friend Mr Phillips is a
good business man and will
help me to see the proprietors
of the Lower Mines and
Advantageous business. I have
some more subscribed in the
[illegible] &c. and I hope
I will receive the credit of the
discovery. I am [illegible] that
Mr Rolle does not deserve the
credit of discovering the [illegible]
mania. He claims discovered
it on a New York to test court.
And if he did not expect
to Miss Hosmer I think she
should not have claimed the
credit of I were the discoverer

Wednesday Sept 7-77
Syracuse N.Y.

Dear Mr Spingfield
[illegible]
Friends are [illegible]
[illegible] Mr [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
he will require a small
commission.
I will enclose a [illegible]
list of gems found in her [illegible]
This list was prepared for
Mrs Rust for use of [illegible]
Mr Myers has had it printed.
[illegible] have been sold to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

We have changed the venue
from the Institute of
to the Museum of Natural
Hist. Mr. H. is still President
Mr. [illegible], the adopted a
Constitution & By-laws, and
elected Secretary & Treasurer,
last Monday evening. The
next meeting and all future
meetings are to be held on the
Third Monday of each month.
Business adjourning about 10 o'clock
in November. Officers elected
annually. At the next meeting
Corresponding & Honorary Members
will be elected.
Please accept my thanks for
the specimens of B. linearis
and the one from the Gardens.
Will you sometime please tell
me what you make it and
its habitat and if it is a native

Since long I have received
with the blessed letter.
Have found it necessary to
continue to keep the Museum
open hourly Monday, Tuesday
Thursday & Saturday & the only
thing we have to do is to continue
the case in further Entomology.
Have collected a third hand
lecture of Prof. Fernald's.
Added 50 to 60 new labels
upon pieces Mr. Frost received
of you. Analyzing business
only the thirty-second select
and Did I write you my
visit to Wopsononock?
And how kind he was to me.
He [illegible] to go [illegible]
[illegible] now. We [illegible]
Let me what you want me to
do about getting insects.
It seems the one that "rode"

[illegible] not come after [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] but my [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Letter of George E. Davenport

Medferd, Mass.
April 30, 1879

Mrs. Frances Y. Myers
Sec'y of the "Syracuse Botanical Club,"

I am in of your communication informing me fo my election to an honerary and corresponding membership of the "Syracuse Botanical Club," and you will please convey to the Club my high appreciation of the honor conferred upon my.

I greatly fear that I may not be able to fulfil your expectations, but any service that I can render to the Club, or to any of its members at any time will give me pleasure.

Yours Truly
George E. Davenport
Cor. Sec. U.S. Field Club

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From Miss Nettie M. Gaddis, Syracuse N.Y.

Letter of George E. Davenport

Medford, Mass.
April 30, 1879

Mrs. Myers,

I return an acknowledgment of your notice of my election to a membership of your Club but I am almost too tired to write at any length.

I have passed through a period of great anxiety; and trouble, but we are deeply grateful to God for having spared our child and I am beginning to breathe freer.

I have just looked through a large collection of Flind's ferns from which I hope to be able to secure duplicates to send to Syracuse.

I have not yet heard from Dr. Perry, nor have I been notified of election to Onondaga Club, Ithink you told me once that I had been.

Look out for some interesting notes from Prof. Eaton in the next Bulletin.

Mr. Edwards is getting out a new Check List.

Respectfully,
George E. Davenport

Boston, Mass, June 6/8,

My Dear Mrs Meyers

I am sensibly of very great but not wilful neglect, but you will excuse me when I tell you that the last two months have been full of troubles to me and mine and that I am coming out of them weighed down with responsibilities that preclude all further botanical work for — I dare not say how long.

It is only your kindly interest in all that I have done that leads me to say so much.

To day my heart is sadden

by the sudden and unexpected death of my dear father one of the kindest and best of men, a devout Christian man whose integrity no man ever questioned and who can stand before the throne of his God with his silver locks glorified and blessed.

My heart is too sad today to write more and in this new affliction I have forgotten for the time being other troubles that will come back upon me soon enough.

I have not heard from Dr Perry, nor have I received the money.

Very Respectfully
Geo. E. Davenport

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Syracuse Aug 21st 1[illegible]

I hope you are better in health and spirits, and with improved prospects. Doubtless you've seen our friend Mrs Still, to whom I gave a letter or introduction to you.

With kind regards
Sincerely & Respy
Francis J. Myers.

Do you wish for Bigelowii maximum, we've found it.

Syracuse Aug 23-77
130 E. Mf

Mr Davenport
Dear Sir

Your postal card asking for specimen of our Epipactis Helleborine was vividness. was just read to me through the telephone. Mr Myers received it at the Bank, and immediately read it to me, knowing that I was pressing one or two specimens which I gathered yesterday. It was a moment too late, for the only specimen with a fresh flower had just been placed under pressure. I have taken

it out and packed it — for you. You are very welcome to it. I hope you can analyze it, and next year perhaps I can do better for you. It is now nearly three weeks since Mrs Church found it. If anyone has a good specimen pressed I will get it for you. I gathered none until yesterday. In the sphagnum surrounding the Orchis you will find tiny specimens of Drosera rotundifolia. I have more growing in a plate. I have added another orchis, new to us, which Mrs Kent & Self gathered yesterday under some pine trees. The Epipactis grows in dense woods, on a sort of old beech log, in a sort of hollow. Not far from here — & some

trees. and also in pine woods west of the City. You will see Mrs Rust's notice in the Bulletin soon I hope, of the finding of a new station for B. Sonnesia. I wish do not only would make me a drawing of this new Orchis — I mean the Epipactis. I know I never can keep a specimen. Very much preferring to give them away. Lime is not very much of it growing. I doubt if a specimen is left, only everyone is forbidden to take roots. I feel very tired today, have written several letters. The correspondence of the Club is very large — we are all very glad

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Boston, Mass, Oct, 14/79

Mrs Meyers

I have to thank you again for your kind interest in disposing of the plants. To day I have rec'd from Dr Perry a check for three dollars which I conceive belongs to you as you have already paid me for ~~them~~ the cell which he had. I at first thought of returning it to him but it occurred to me that you might not wish to have him know that you had settled for the plants & so I enclose it to you having made it payable to Mr Meyers.

I am of course glad to

learn of the success of the Syracuse Club in which I feel a personal interest.

I have been very busy all summer trying to get the Soc. Herb. in order, but as I get but very little time from my business & family duties to attend to it, I make slow work of it & am far from being through.

I think I may have a duplicate of C. palmadium for you by & by. I have the promise of some other ferns, among them C. Virginica and hope to have some duplicate of Aspid. Noveboracense.

I am sorry that I have not time to write more at length.

Very Respectfully - Geo. E. Davenport

P.S. I have acknowledged the receipt of Dr Perry's check & thanked him, but made no explanation. I would not have any of my Syracuse friends hesitate to write through fear of troubling me. I am always glad to hear from them. Give my regards to Mrs Barnes, and to all.

G. E. D.

Because we have [illegible] to greet
[illegible] not said [illegible] head.
or the [illegible] of [illegible]
We are [illegible] and have been [illegible]
[illegible] week. Expect to begin the
[illegible] in the
[illegible] to have [illegible] have a very [illegible] and maybe
[illegible] to [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] others. This is my charitable
[illegible]. My husband wants not let
me go about [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] year, but will he
let me [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible]? [illegible] it will not
do, so perhaps this note will also
[illegible] as much good as another
[illegible], and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. The monthly business
meetings are very interesting, Mrs
Rust is a most [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. We are [illegible] and [illegible]

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Syracuse, N. Y., [illegible] 18[illegible]

Dear Mrs. [illegible]

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[illegible] I found
it [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

of ferns. I shall be very glad to have specimens when you can spare them with the suitable for me. And now good night with kind regards from all.

Sincerely & Respectfully,

Frances J. Myers.

If you visit Jacksonport here and leave to me, I will place and leave all baggage, and only pay my share and [illegible] that it has left in [illegible]

jolly good times. We have had made twenty six Club excursions this season besides several as many individual expeditions. Good times have worked hard, and we have made a good record. We have made money on our excursions, always going with a full load, and now Sept. Month our dues and fees are due, which will add to our Treasury. So we can now purchase some books or periodicals if we wish. All the meetings we held are, this season sent. We shall very soon commence the reading of the papers read at the meetings which will become the property of the Club. I doubt if I told you

that Mrs Kent had given to such an order or passion of plants to work up through the summer. My subject is Insectivorous plants. I have read Darwin, Mrs Treat and others, have carried Mr Lemmon's paper on Darlingtonia, and have specimens of Drosera, Pinguicula, Utricularias, and a pitcher of Nepenthes. (Specimen of Sarracenia purpurea) My notes are made, but paper not arranged and written as yet. I had set apart this week for it, but have not been well enough. My botanical and club correspondence is very large. We have but one secretary as yet. We have decided run expensive for the present to start, too. We shall all be very glad to receive communications from you. I shall be delighted to have something from you, but to read the last is at any time a pleasure. Perhaps Teele has sent me Gray's manuscript. Mrs Kent has taken notes to read next Monday night.

We will quite likely be overwhelmed with letters from us, now that we know you wish for them. I have felt loath to write, but understood that you did not feel able to attend to us. Your last letter was with the three dollars sent by Mr Ayers from Professor Dudley. Many thanks for your promise

Boston Oct. 24-1879

Mrs Myers

I am ~~g~~ receiving your pleasant letter which I re-read with pleasure, too long, but you will have to bear with me if I am sometimes - perhaps often, behind time.

But that need make no difference in my Syracuse friends correspondence as I am always glad to get their letters.

I do not think it would be possible for me to give up altogether my correspondence for my friends seem determined that I shall not. I have never received so many letters as now and I can hardly keep up with them.

- ~~ever~~ through Mr Fagon. The species has been found in Tennessee. I will in my next time to write you more of a botanical letter - &c &c)

in my limited time.
I am trying hard to finish up my herbarium work and get my specimens all numbered & indexed so that everything can be readily referred to in systematic order. But I find it slow work.
I am trying too to put my correspondence in order for handy reference, and do arrange my rapidly collecting material. I want to do all this if I can before the 1st of January so that I can settle down on my New England Ferns, for I am going to try to "prepare" that work if I can.
All this you will see does not look like giving up and I have made up my mind that I may as well submit to the inevitable, although there are still many reasons why I ought not to do so.
I was much interested in your account of the work of your study friends in the Club, and think you have set our Middlesex Club a splendid example. I wish you more successes. Thanks for the slip from the Syracuse paper. Mr Rust sent me a copy also. I enclose a slip from last evening's Boston Transcript to assure you of my continued esteem.

Very Respectfully Yours
Geo. E. Davenport

P.S. I nearly forgot to thank you for the fine plant of Scolopendrium

under Aspidieae, also Woodwardia
under Asplenieae, & calls
Dicksonieae, Davallieae.
says all the Polypodiineae have
stipes articulated to the rootstock.
He wrote me explaining the
genera, but I do not know
of Gymnogramme & Notholaena
Hooker places the two last under
Gramitideae. I feel myself
very incompetent to lead a class,
but no one else will do it, and
classes we must have. I have
led them all summer, and nearly
every one knows more about botany
than I do. But I am interested to
see our members at work,
and most of them are so glad
to come, and do work so well
that I feel encouraged all the time.
We have eight jolly times too.

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The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N.Y., Oct 30th 1879

Dear Mr Davenport,

It is growing late, and I am tired, but cannot
rest to retire to go a little longer.
I have received a letter from Sir
Jos D Hooker today, it is not that
a feather in the cap of the
S.B.C.? I sent Mr Dean a specimen
of our Epipactis, and never dreamed
of such a rich reward. He expresses
himself pleased with the discovery
which he calls remarkable and
important, as showing the connection
between European & American
flora, it is a very pleasant quite-
-manly letter, and I feel encouraged
of course; You speak in your good
letter

of the 24th p., winding up the New England ferns & allies, Suppose instead you were to give us a "Synopsis Filicum" of North American Ferns? We need such a work, something systematically arranged that we can analyze by. I think it would cost us more to publish it than the one you contemplate, and if it could be placed at a price within reach of us all, we will all get it. Eaton's work is pretty good of course, we are glad to have it, but it is a long job to try to find any special plant in it. When I went to his house last spring, I've not been

Why he had so mixed up his species, I can't tell. When he began he had not all the ferns; that as new ones were from time to time being found, he thought it as well to write them in without regard to order — Now you, the Botanist, in it be not bulky to use with ease. And we decidedly need something more than the "Manual" facing editions to Gray's Manual. If we can help you, we shall be glad to do so, in any way. Did Pitt give you, I wrote requiring but twenty classes in the Shed? The one class was not large. We are studying mosses now, Eaton in the new edition of the Manual, has placed Sphagnum

We cannot allow any misunderstanding to be fostered, can feel the first symptoms like an electric shock. And all is explained, we have no jealousy. I think you could receive our good feeling at once. Your disciplinary [illegible] in [illegible] but you cannot give up your correspondence. We need this help, and have needed you sorely all summer. Now we [illegible] you will be sorry you have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I am a simple little writer, I've told this [illegible] to Christ [illegible] to Blessed. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the ship, your [illegible]. What we could have the boxes, but cannot now. You could you used the correspondence

Mr Ewing is very fine for
was unpublished. It is but
writing, and that seems to
be a fine piece of
that pen. Cats don't venture
to feed on figures like pieces.
How the Devil's remarks. Of
course it's a case requiring
the plants. I know where I
find plants more. Such more
than however. Did I tell you
that we gathered A. Kirkwood's
ph on one line but sides
to the point — mine that lemon?
I found it the knew at
Perrine's falls in Madison Co
last year since. Let me if you
have found it in Mt Q. matter
that pen. It was in the case of
a Rip on the rocks towards
Pond. Sincerely & Respy Yrs
Francis Lieber

Stedford, Mass. Nov. 11-79

Mrs Meyers

I hope you will be patient with me if you find me apparently dilatory in answering your letters, and answering them in an unsatisfactory manner. By day I wish to do better but at present so many things interfere to prevent my doing as I would wish, that although I am sensible of my remissness I cannot help it.

I am pleased to hear of your good work & take a great pride in it. Sunday evening I was at my friends Mr & Mrs Moody's in Malden, and she read to me your letter

family are well
Very Respectfully Yours
Geo. E. Davenport

letter to Mr Moody our Pres.
Mr Moody is an ardent Naturalist
and one of the most disinterested
& truest hearted men it has
ever been my lot to know.
As a presiding officer he is the
life of our Club & I am glad
you have placed yourself in
communication with him.
About your suggestion in regard
to a Synopsis I hardly know
what to say. I have always
been averse to trespassing
upon what I have considered
Prof. Eaton's field of work thinking
that I could do more real
service as a "Specialist" But
even in that I have fallen far
short of my original intentions
have been prevented from carrying
out my plans by many adverse
circumstances & influences.
It is only my strong love for
these things that has prevented me
from giving up long ago. I
sometimes resolve that I will
give up & then it comes over
me in spite of myself and I
go on again & so I suppose
it will continue to be. Just
now I am making a study
of some Chrysanthes and no
doubt when you come to
see the next number of the
Torrey Bulletin you will
think there is need enough
of my doing so. I will
explain to you then.
I have a letter from Mrs Rust
I am sorry to learn of her ill
health. I wish you would
kindly remember me to Mrs
Barnes. I miss her letters
very much. I trust she & her

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The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N.Y., Dec 16 1879

Dear Mr Davenport

Your good letter of Nov 11 should have been answered long ago. I have worked hard all the fall, and had just decided to take a vacation when my two youngest children, Clara five and Fanny three years of age, were taken ill, with scarlet fever. They are now convalescing but we have an awful dread of the after effects of that disease and I should not feel easy about them for some weeks. Constant watching night and day has left me very

tired and nervous, and with but little heart for work, but rest and freedom from anxiety will set all right. The Sisters keep on working and are doing good work. The meetings for reading of papers and showing of specimens of the families or orders assigned to each by Mrs Rust, have begun. And are remarkably well attended and interesting. They are held weekly. Will be suspended through the holidays. Mrs Rust is feeling better. But Mrs Barnes has been suffering for some weeks from a slow fever, brought on by overwork I think. She is a good Mother and housekeeper, and cannot trust others to depart from her work. It would be better for all, doubtless, if she could.

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She has not worked with us for lack of time. I wish she would for it would suit her to get away from her cares. her husband does not wish her to work so hard, but she cannot be happy away from her children.

For the eight months of our Club existence we have had an average attendance of 22 members even though the summer months were pretty well I think. and we are happy in our work. Mr Morris has not replied to my letter which you speak in your last.

I hope to hear from you soon,

Sincerely Frances J. Myers.

Have you any new ferns?

Do you recollect Mr. Morris' address?

MIDDLESEX SCIENTIFIC FIELD CLUB.

Medford
~~Malden~~, Mass., Dec. 18 1879

Mrs Myers

A letter from you and Mrs Rust greet me tonight. I am sorry to learn of so much illness among you but I am glad to know that your children have recovered from the fever & hope there will not be any after-effects. I have had sickness among my own during the past two weeks, but in a mild form, and only Ella having been obliged to remain at home from school. I am sorry that Mrs Barnes is so afflicted. I am going to write to her in a few days. I have been working in my spare time, or rather in such time as I can manage to "filch" from other work, on the Cheilanthes and may publish some notes on them by & by. I have rec'd a good many specimens & expect in the Spring some good specimens of some of our rarer ferns, but have not yet had a new form, Aspidium Oreopteris has turned up in Unalaska but I have not yet rec'd a specimen. I know nothing of the plant you mention.

Respectfully
Geo. E. Davenport

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The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N.Y., Feb 13 1880

Mr. Davenport

Dear Sir

You will be glad, I know, to see that I have come up out of the waters again. I was just on the convalescent side & recovery - but in a day or two I went down with Inflammatory rheumatism and have been seven weeks shut up - most of the time in bed. This work for me whose hands are so full of work, but it dropped, and I have been able to attend none of the interesting meetings of the Club. You have doubtless heard of

Mrs Brooke through Mrs Rust. I received the paper inclosed, containing the article regarding the Public Library. The Club is receiving some very valuable contributions in the way of plants. If Mr Smith of Philadelphia has been recent generous. I shall look for a good long letter from you soon that we may hear at our monthly meeting. The next one will be next Monday, of course I cannot attend that; they have been held at Mrs Rust's since our return, but I hope to be able to take back my place in the March meeting.

Now I must close with more

Believe me sincerely & truly
Frances H. Myers

Bedford, Mass, Feb. 17. 1880

Mrs Myers

I am very glad indeed to know that you are able to resume your correspondence, & trust that you will soon be able to take up your Club work again.

I learned of your illness through Mrs Hunt and thought several times of writing.

I have been under the weather myself for the past three weeks with a sore throat and influenza which left me with a hard cough.

I am gradually getting better of it but have not been able to attend a Club meeting this year. We have an "evening with the microscope" tomorrow evening at Mr Huntington's, but I shall probably have to deny myself of the pleasure.

I suppose Mrs Hunt may have told you that I had begun on a Hand Book but I do not feel sure that I shall be able to finish it. Williamson wants to illustrate it, and if anything comes out of my present

conception I shall have him do the drawing. A good deal will depend upon the character of Prof. Eaton's "Conspectus", but I shall prepare a "Guide to the Study of Ferns" and add a "Manual" with generic plates if I can do it without interfering in anyway with Prof. Eaton's work.

I have received some fresh specimens of Notholaena candida & Cheilanthes Cooperae from San Bernardino Co. and enclose a specimen of each. You may be able to find a use for them. If you need still an extra specimen of each for any of your collections let me know & I will send them.

I have received some living plants of C. Viscida and expect some pressed specimens soon. I will not forget you if they come.

With many wishes for your full recovery & trusting that you will not have any relapse, I remain

Very Respectfully Yours
Geo. E. Davenport

how good and thorough it will be.

Can you Mr Davenport give me the names of any more people to whom I can write for ferns? I need but very few to complete my collection. I wish for B, boreale very much. My friends here have it, but do not care to tell where they procured it. I do not like to be left behind in the collecting any more than in any other business.

I wrote Mr Sammon, sending him a list of the plants I purchased from Dr Sasber - but he will only sell his ferns, and at one dollar per pound! This

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The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N.Y., Feb 28th 1880

Dear Mr Davenport

Your good letter of the 19th came duly to hand, I am sorry for your ill health, and trust that now you are entirely recovered. If your climate is like ours, its no wonder you cannot keep well. I feel in this valley as if all the air had been breathed once and come to me second hand. When I get up on the hills the fresh air fills my lungs and

seems very satisfactory.
We all wish very much for the work on ferns which you tell us of. I do not see how you can interfere with Prof. Eaton's work; that is merely for a handsome little book, of very little practical use as are all such large books, particularly if one must hunt through the ponderous volume for what would to find. Right here I was obliged to stop as a regiment of boys came into the yard and no remarks of mine could stir them an inch. I called a policeman through the telephone - and reckon they must have smelled him for when he reached here, "they had vanished into thin air" For two boys myself, but still I do think the whole race is a torment until they arrive at years of discretion, if they ever do.
About the fern manual, we need it as I said, and the necessity will call it out, if you do not do it, some one must, so please let us have yours, for I know

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I cannot afford to pay. My collection has already been a very expensive one, or rather my two collections. I obtained the Ceratopteris from Mrs Reynolds also good Pellaeas which latter I have now in duplicate. I wrote Mr Moir of Mobile but have received no reply. I have all the Ophioglossums excepting nudicaule. all the Botrychia except. boreale. and var Lunarioides, have a big Lanceolatum. There are a few others looking but not nearly

For a few I've been so busy working for our Club which as I originated it I wished to establish, that I have done nothing for myself. Now when I get through I shall arrange my bills and try what I can do. I've given up all my Club work excepting the Correspondence for a long time. The rest are now in good working order, and they must do the work, and they will.

Sunday 4 P.M.

Right here I left my letter to attend the weekly botanical reading. There were two papers on some of the Orders, and there a most interesting one

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on Color and Perfume in plants. It could not be called a purely scientific paper, but was spicy, poetical, and the facts so woven in with narrative that we enjoyed it very much. Mrs Apgar is the lady's name. She is one of our brightest members. She read a clipping from N. Y. Times on the education of birds by means of sounds, it is very funny, perhaps you may have seen it. The specimens of V. canadensis and C. corymbosa which you sent are so much better than some

What I have mounted, that I shall mount them for myself, accept my thanks for them. We are gradually getting together terms for our herbarium for the Club. When some one that time I shall try to have the specimens we have, arranged, and then if you have any spare specimens to spare they will be very acceptable. Mrs Barnes, & Eaton & Dr Parry have sent us some plants.

I should have had my collection over to the Club but Mr Myers claims it, so I cannot. Mr Moody has never replied to the letter which you heard read at his house, we miss his letters. Now Mr Davenport I hope you will not tire of this long letter.

Respy yrs Frances J. Myers.

Mch 2 - 1880

Mrs Meyers

I enclose some N. Purpurea and a little C. Viscida for you. I expect more of the latter in April & hope to have enough to distribute among all my friends

I intend shortly to make some enquiries about the B. borealis that may lead to a knowledge of their source, and will keep you in mind.

I suspect that they came from abroad but do not know.

I am much better in health and trust that you are.

Your letters do not tire nor

would they if twice as long,
I am always glad to
hear from and to aid you
whenever I can,
Yes, I will go on with
the Hand Book but I fear it
will be slow work so many
things interfere.

Very Respectfully
Geo. E. Davenport

Syracuse Ill Ch 13-80

Dear Mr Davenport

Your good little letter with its enclosures of fossil specimens came duly to hand. I find myself almost unable to keep up with the correspondence of the Club - together with my own and the work I must attend to at home. Added to that, Mrs Rust has called for my paper early in Apl. and I have not been well enough as yet, to finish it. Mrs Rust told me a day or two since, that you are having trouble with your

"Fly Beheader" Mr Lerens. Walcott has sent me a very broken specimen, better than none however.

eyes again. I hope it is not lasting, but all gone before this. Now we all long for pleasant weather, I am hardly allowed to look out doors, on account of the cold raw winds. And having been so accustomed to the open air I find it very uncomfortable to be shut up —

Mrs Tippet gave us a most interesting paper on Coniferae last Saturday. She had a great number of specimens. There was one also from Mrs Porter on Euphorbiaceae and Polygalaceae, very interesting and well illustrated. I think the Ladies have done remarkably well this year. And at our regular meeting next Monday Mrs Rust is to give out the work for the ensuing year. It will be all on our own County this time, in preparation for a catalogue and herbarium.

Hoping that you and yours are well

I remain
Resp'y yours
Frances J Myers.

The Mentzelia ornata of which I asked you, is mentioned in one of Coulter's Gayettes as a

Medford, Mass, Apl 16th 1880

Mrs Meyers

Your letter finds me at home, where I have been for the last week under the Doctor's care. Nothing serious however, only nervous prostatation & debility the Doctor says, & orders me to keep quiet for two or three weeks.

So I am taking a rest and shall remain quietly at home for another week.

I send you two specimens of C. Viscida today, and accompany this note with a copy of my paper. In judging of it please remember that all detailed explanations were given while showing actual specimens & the paper was merely penciled off as an introduction.

Thanks for the 2 papers on Insect-fertilization. I find them very interesting.

By the Bulletin

receive to day I see we have two more additions & that Lemmon has at last got his name attached to a fern - Noth. Lemmoni. I received a bit of what I thought might be A. niveum from New Mexico some time ago but as they were broken up bits I did not dare to say so. I have the root growing and may soon be able to tell

Please excuse this short letter. I will do as you wish about the other

Respectfully Yours
Geo. E. Davenport

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The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N.Y., May 18th 1880

Dear Mr Davenport

So long a time has elapsed since I have heard from you, that I can only infer from your last letter, that I was not wrong in the correspondence. I have supposed myself as being overloaded with letters. I did not mean your letters. Those are among those that are welcome to me. But I have to answer so many questions about the Club, that sometimes when I do not feel very well, I get tired out.—

One peculiarity this Spring, I find myself very weak after my sickness illness, and can hardly perform my necessary home duties, which are not very heavy. We are looking forward anxiously for your work on ferns. Shall need it for study. I suppose Dr. Eaton's is finished, though only half the index is given. I am tired hunting up the ferns in it, it's so mixed up.

Mrs Rust is deep in work for Ellen's wedding, she was not present at our Monthly meeting last night. Mr Tifft presided, and did exceedingly well. I should prefer that less time should be used up in catching beetles, and spend more in sending off letters, papers &c — but Mrs Rust has her own ideas, and we do as we wish to move without her approval. Haste I must close. Respectfully yrs

Frances A. Myers.

I hope your eyes are quite well now and that you are well and comfortable as regards business &c. I see you have named a new fern N. Grayii. Where can I procure it? You know I am very greedy where rare ferns are concerned. Are there any more new ones discovered, besides A. Mortcioides? When I do not hear from you, I receive little information on this subject. Last Wednesday Mrs Kent found Viola Delphinifolia & V. Sagittata for the first time in this County. We have made four Club excursions during the last month, and have found all our lovely Spring flowers. Osmunda Claytoniana & V. Virginica are large enough to press. My work for this year is to press fungi & mount specimens of our Onondaga Co ferns, for the Club herbarium. We have purchased of Professor Guttenberg a package of Hawaiian ferns, price $8.50. Have also through Mr Smith of Philadelphia purchased our slate for mounting, paper & covers for this year. Now we must have a room and have it care made for our plants. The stock of plants, books &c. is so rapidly increasing that I cannot longer find room in my house full of stuff as I have. Then too the excitement of preparing for the meetings, the

and Albany on my way home. We have had some delightful showers, and they were greatly needed. I hear good news from home. Mr Myers went through over Boston & Albany R.R. last Friday when I came on here via New Haven R. from Springfield. I hope to hear good cheering news from you when I get home, and to know that your load is lighter and heart happier. Now good bye, keep up your courage and all will be right.

Sincerely & Respectfully
Frances J. Mills.

Larchmont Westchester Co
N.Y. May 30. 80

Dear Mr Davenport.

After all I failed to reach you as I hastily promised to do. My husband returned at noon with two hours. One I go out to Malden with a friend from Syracuse, to dine with a friend of his; the other, which I preferred, to sail out to Nantasket. We returned to dinner about seven thirty, and afterward spent a delightful hour with Mr & Mrs Redfield of Phila. I hope Mr R called on you. He said he would but is so so. Now my friend the

tired look in your eyes haunts me all the time. I know it so well. have so long felt that myself - so by to throw off every thought that wearys you. and rest. Look Mr Davenport right up into the loving, tender heart of our Dear Lord, and see how, he loves and pities you. Think of His Infinite compassion, and know that as a Father pities and loves and cares for his children, even as in an Infinitely greater degree, even past our comprehension, He loves and longs to comfort you. You have a sensitive, shrinking nature, you must rouse yourself and overcome your shrinking, you have large capacities, we want them all in our work, which is to show mortals what God has created for us all to see.

Tuesday June 1st Just in this place my cousins called to me to go out for a drive. I am visiting at a Cousin's Mr James Myers, some 20 miles from New York, he has a large country place about thirty quarters of a mile from L. I. Sound. A most delightful location, The trip to Boston & visit here are doing me good. I feel stronger, have not made any plans, shall not visit until I feel ready to go home. Have to stop at Poughkeepsie

the specimens he sends me confirm my investigations in every particular, and although I shall probably withdraw A. americanum as a species I want to make such additional examinations as will enable me to publish data enough to show that the principal points in my paper were well taken.

Prof. Eaton saw fit to treat my paper rather cavalierly — almost ignoring its importance and the effect it has had in clearing away the confusion so long resting on the subject — and which had been acknowledged to me by our best Pteridologists — thus placing me on the defensive. I do not propose to let it rest ~~until~~ here, though I am debarred from presenting my strongest points as I cannot consent to be placed in open opposition to Prof. Eaton. But I can easily trace from my correspondence and my specimens the influence my paper had on his

Medford, Mass., June 24/80

Mrs Meyers,

Yours of May 30th remains too long unanswered. The kind words of encouragement and sympathy touched me deeply. I know the value of every word and thank you. Your 'womanly instincts' guessed aright, but you need not fear for me. My love for God grows with my love for Nature, and though I have prosecuted my fern studies under difficulties that none of my friends know of, or suspect, I am bound by the laws of my nature to keep on — and will do so. I will send you shortly a copy of the introduction to my fern paper which I read to the Social Club of Bedford. I had a very select audience — the Minister & his wife,

- the local Editor and the teachers of the Schools. Close to Concord, the atmosphere is all literary and I hesitated long before venturing to respond to their invitation to talk ferns to them & only went as a duty to our own Club. At the last moment I pencilled a hurried essay to introduce my subject & relied upon a full sett of New England ferns which I took out of the herbarium for explanations. The result was better than I dared to hope for. The company was an exceedingly pleasant one in its influence & soon made me feel so much at home that I kept them interested for over two hours, receiving a hearty vote of thanks at the close. I have learned since that the Club considers it the best entertainment that they been treated to since its formation. My essay was particularly com-
- plimented & copies of it have been solicited. Ella will have her school vacation next week & I will have her write off two or three copies of it but you must bear in mind that my hearers knew scarcely anything about ferns and the essay will be interesting to you only as showing my love for God & nature.

I am going now to ask a favor of my Syracuse friends. I would like 50 fronds of each of the two forms of A. spinulosum - or you will understand more clearly if I say of A. spinulosum and A. Americanum. Mr Williamson has been making further examinations of the plants in Kentucky & sends me both forms from there. He reports the two forms as very distinct with him. He can tell them now at a glance & will endorse every word that I have said.

talk with him over the ferns before he left Boston. I was much disappointed in not seeing you again for I hoped to have been able to show you the Herbarium. It is now in good order & I ~~hope~~ have added Aspid cristatum-num Willd - var. strigosum Eaton from Capt. Smith. If you fail to secure a specimen of it let me know & you shall have one of mine. My eyes are giving out and I must close.

Very Respectfully Yours
Geo. E. Davenport

own position, for he completely changed his views, held by him up to the time I placed my paper in his hands - and adopted one more nearly in conformity to that of my paper. Now why could he not have given my paper some credit for its work even though he did - as I expected he would - reject A. americanum as a species. Mr Redfield declined to accept of A. americanum, but he said my paper presented the different forms in the clearest possible light. It was without exception the best thing on the subject he had ever seen. Others have told me the same & Mr Robinson still believes in A. americanum. I shall prepare further notes but I shall word them carefully & try to cover all of the points without appearing to reflect on the judgment of our "authorities"! Will you not kindly aid me now in getting for me a goodly

number of ferns - 50 or more - of each kind from the vicinity of Syracuse?

I sometimes think it a great misfortune for me to be placed so often in apparent antagonism with Prof. Eaton, and sometimes hesitate about going on in directions that lead me away from him, because I entertain for him the greatest admiration & regard him with more than ordinary feelings of personal esteem, but if I work at all I must be true to myself and as I have been led, without intending it, but from the nature of my work, into a front position I must go forward and maintain it.

I have been working over the scaly Cheilanthes until I have almost got tired of them, though not half through with them yet, But I cannot as yet bring myself into Prof. Eaton's position, and now I find myself obliged to take exceptions to Mr Baker's apparent position in part, although that eminent authority agrees with me so far as I have gone - the difference between us being that I am inclined to stop where I be, while he is inclined to go further and give up Cheilanthes Fendleri altogether as a species. He however regards all of the California plants now referred by Prof Eaton to myriophylla as the same species as Fendler's specimens on which Dr Hooker founded the species and this is exactly what I have been contending for. If I had time to go into the whole matter I could give you some interesting fern history, but I shall probably throw it all into the form of notes for publication. Mr Redfield wrote me to do so & has sent to me all of his doubtful specimen for a revision. I had a pleasant

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" S. [illegible]

Mrs. A. D. FAIRBANKS, Treas.
" M. J. MYERS, Sec'y.

The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N.Y., [illegible] 8th 18[illegible]

[illegible]

and the new specimens of [illegible]
visible [illegible], have
received my thanks [illegible],
Mrs Rust read the paper at the
meeting Monday evening, and
enjoyed it very much, and
I am directed to ask your
permission to have it published
in one of our papers. We are hope
you are better than when
you wrote, and we wish much
that you would come to, [illegible]

Enclosed please find three
Postage Stamps, I know the ex
pense is much out for postage
and we are only too glad to show
you of that trip which inured to my
benefit, so I have put my feeling
you may have, out of sight, and
make the best of what you cannot
help. Please not feeling blue,
the season weather and cause are
if this letter is very unmeaning,
but we all know our feelings, I
feel only this moment realizing
the nature of our Christ, a feeling
discomfort comes over me, I
cannot tell exactly what it
is, it is so indefinite. My health
strength has been so lost since
in amalgamating the fluid that
and I fear I am poor for

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The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N. Y., ... 18.....

Dear Sir: I should see the rough sketches in the manuscript, but I cannot for the life of me see why they cannot be put into printers and let a little the distinctness, be sacrificed. I have lost quite an amount of money, it will cost more than it is worth to me, since so little we handled in this world. I am very anxious to be away with the business. A half hour once a month seems to me to be time enough to waste on such work, as this we have. Just a whole evening one month, next only twelve dissections are

through us. We were had to sight after each meeting, and much paper spoiling the time in learning something practical. I suppose we will improve as a club, but we shall have to do it by experience. Meanwhile, I am determined that the Botanical Club shall be a success, and I present it to New York Lodge, Pittsburgh, Penna. Yours truly

Lionel Pleasants

Pittsburgh, Penna.

Syracuse July 28 80

Mr Davenport

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find label for flower sent by same mail. I sincerely hope it will reach you fresh enough for you to see the flowers perfectly. The specimen I sent last year was so poor. I have always felt sorry I had no better. We fear it is diminishing in quantity.

In haste Sincerely C. Reifsnider

Ex HERB. MRS. M. J. MYERS.

FILICES. July 1880

Epipactis Helleborine var viridans

Hab. Near Concord N. H.

Ex. Herb.

Legit. Mrs M. P. Church
Aug 1879

encourage him to go. Did I tell you I had N. nivea from New Mexico? I have a living plant & it is growing finely. I have heard nothing from Mr Courtis since he sent that to me early in June & fear I shall be disappointed in my promised supply of Anginer specimen this fall. I have learned that Botrychium boreale has been found in N. Amer. Am investigating now and may soon be able to help you to it.

Respectfully Yours
Geo E. Davenport

MIDDLESEX SCIENTIFIC FIELD CLUB.

August 9 1880

My Dear Mrs Meyers

I did receive the Epipactis in good condition and delayed acknowledging it hoping to have time to write at length. You will be glad to know that my health has been better and I am beginning to feel like "fern work" once more though I do not anticipate doing much until cooler weather. I have however, been clearing the way for work in my fern book, so that when I get at it, I can reach to it. I have put my cabinet in order, completed the arrangement of the Soc. Herb. assorted and filed my correspondence from 1872 to 1877 & have the bal to 1880, all in order for filing. I have arranged my specimens of Equisetum, Lycopods, Isoetes, Marsilea, Psilotum and Selaginellas for mounting. Caught

up with all of my correspondence assorted & packed some 1200 or specimens of flowering plants which I have presented to the State Normal School of California towards replacing their Herb. destroyed by fire and am now going to make some Spinulosum examination. Now tell me, please, have I not done pretty well for a sick man?

Thank you for the Spinulosum plant which as you say appears to combine both forms & needs careful study. I have got my portfolio ready & shall make a collection in this vicinity soon. Williamson has promised me a supply from Ky. & when I get them all together I will make another examination.

I expect to withdraw A. Americanum as it cannot stand. I should never have put it out but for Mr Robinson and I have always regretted that I did not leave my paper where my own judgment rested securely. I consider however, that Prof. Eaton's position is the outcome from my own, and if he had held that position before I began my own investigation my paper would probably never have been written.

I have had a letter from Lemmon. He will probably, put up sets of his Arizona ferns this fall to sell but I do not know what he intends to ask for them. He wants me to fix a price but he must appraise his own property. He did not send me anything. He is too mercenary to please me & will hold his things off to make all he can out of them. My San Bernardino correspondent Mr Wright says he would be willing to make a trip to Arizona & collect largely for mere expenses. I am going to write him to see what the expense would be & perhaps we might secure subscribers enough to

be with Mrs Rust and Miss Hall, spent a beautiful time over some of our high hills. Monday morning, Mrs Rust, Miss Bailey & myself went out on Onondaga Lake & Pickerel, the Pickerel, Naias marina, Ruppia maritima, Potamogeton lucens, perfoliatus, Zizanius, and one or two others, also some sedges, &c, by the wayside. We reached home about three P.M. and then Miss Bailey & I started off with the Epipactis woods. We was surprised that the famous Rattlesnake should pass us such beautiful, dark woods, and I have it could not have escaped us there.

Mrs. S. M. RUST, Pres't.
" ~~CHAS. BARNES,~~ Vice-Pres't.
" H. L. Sp[illegible]

Mrs. A. D. FAIRBANKS, Treas.
" M. J. MYERS, Sec'y.

The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N.Y., Aug 19th 1880

Mr Davenport

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 15th came duly to hand. We have been very busy gathering flowers, ferns, and pond weeds. On Tuesday last we thought it set well filled, in an Easterly direction, thence South, & returning by way of our favorite Pickerel Lake. We had a charming day, a pleasant company, and all enjoyed the trip. We visited two lakes close together which Mrs Rust calls "the babies". They are lovely little lakes, surrounded by large green woods and trees.

Some plenty of Clema, and some
Pond-weeds, Mr. R found a few
similar. I believe, we gathered
Lobelia cardinalis & L. siphilitica
& Ferns in abundance. Some that
day about twenty five miles.
On Saturday of the week before
explored a gorge on the Lancaster
Road. Found nothing new.
Last Saturday we made our long
planned visit to our favorite
Cicero Swamp. This wonderful
Swamp covers several miles
to the North of us, and is almost
impenetrable in some places.
Efforts are being made to redeem
the land in a measure by draining.
Rattle Snakes are said to abound
there, but we saw none. I have
written an account of the trip
which I suppose will appear
in next Sunday's paper. I will
send you a copy. By the way
I hope you received the papers
containing your article. The
little note on fourth page was
Mr. Rust's, and several errors
made by the printer, "Carex
Cicuta bicolor" should read
"Leaves of Cicuta bicolor".
and the word Mertensi is
separated by two or three words.
Well to settle, Professor Dudley
and Professor Palmer at
Cornell University Ithaca, N.Y.
Does say great flora finding
society Tuesday evening. He accompanied us on Saturday, and added
largely to our pleasure. On Sunday,

Mrs. S. M. RUST, Pres't.
" ~~CHAS. BARNES,~~ Vice-Pres't.
" A. L. Fitch "

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The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N. Y., ... 18...

I've also gathered a Cornell Botanical Letter, (the new kind & cost 1c) and Dr. Gray's pocket. I looked home & found the ladies assembled for our regular monthly club meeting. We discussed Lichens for two weeks, that we might ~~visit~~ visit with our Botanical Companions. My Dudley, the lady doctor, we met the evening discussed our botanical letter. Stopping on the salt marshes and gathering specimens, some Corydalis Fernsiae. Professor Dudley left at one fifty-five for Ithaca. My husband decided on an

seeking only for orders received from us here. Hope she has left here & there. My lichens I got a lot still, & some I received to-week except load and at Thousand Islands. I shall come home some Friday and look you up & congratulate you on having accomplished so much work during your illness, I will you are entirely well and strong. Mr. & Mrs. Gardner de Roeder are home. Mrs. Nottingham met in Jeffy. Mr. Moody received writing to Mr. Dudley. Received a good letter & my Diatoma, a package of pressed flowers, and a catalogue of plants of N. Carolina from Dr. Thomas Hood of Wilmington, N.C. a few days since. I find now I will have enough for studying and differences in parts. Mr. Dudley for instance, but I'll have to stand along after you & others. Wonderful to see the light, God's gift. It is having a wonderful work. Hard to write to keep properly

The poor man entirely out,
that he seemed to enjoy every
moment, and proved himself
a moral genial gentleman
and thoroughly ~~[illegible]~~ patriotic.
I hope he will come again, I
learned more of flowers & trees
from him in a few minutes than before, he is
very happy to communicate
his knowledge. Now what do
you think of such travelling
for a housekeeper with a husband
and five children to look after,
the Cleveland went out yesterday,
but I was too busy to finish the
story. It blew hard, and
reports a good time. It seemed
hard that they should not
thirty miles, we made welcome
in a passenger, where they
tried, did not get many
flowers. I have seen so testing
a great number of specimens
of the so called varieties obtuilobata
of Quercus Prinoides and am
quite convinced that it is
only an advanced condition
of the species, fed by sick earth
and exposed to the sun.
Regard it as several localities,
I will send specimens soon.
While Prof. G. was here we all
talked a good deal about pure
definition specimens,
and we will hope he will not
withdraw its name, we want
a species peculiarly American.
I do hope you can get Gibonsii,
and will gladly purchase Spiraea
fonsii if they can be had at reasonable
rates. The Thuyopsis would be a

August 25 - 1880

Mrs Meyers

Your interesting letter & the papers received - will reply soon

I enclose for you some bits of Nothoscordum nivea from Lone Mountain N. Mex.,

I am promised a good supply of it in Sept. when I will send you better ones

Please excuse this hurried note

Respectfully

Geo. E. Dawnport

And then, I have to confess, frankly, that my own mind is not clear on that subject. I have never been very ~~favorably disposed toward~~ strongly impressed with the doctrine of evolution — but have not investigated it with sufficient care to know whether I should come finally to accept or reject it. Of one thing I am sure, I could never accept of any thing that did not harmonize with my belief in God as the source of all the wonderful manifestations of Divine Skill & power everywhere visible in the Universe.

I have received the two forms of spinulosum — a dwarf specimen of the type & a large pinna from the var. ? v. americanum; — ~~and it is remarkable how well the distinction between the two~~ collected in S. E. Alaska by John Muir, and it is remarkable how well the distinction between the two forms is shown. I have recd a single spec. of R. boreale from Dr Schneck, who wrote that it was all he could spare. I have

MIDDLESEX SCIENTIFIC FIELD CLUB.

Medford, Mass, Aug. 27-80.

Mrs Myers.

This evening I will answer your letter of the 19th more particularly. I read it with a great deal of pleasure and interest. I can well believe Prof. Dudley enjoyed every moment of the time he was with you.

I have been wondering if Green Lake is not the lovely sheet of water that I visited in 1858 & from whose shores I brought home some pebbles. I remember that I left the hotel one morning after breakfast for a walk and after passing through Salina, — stopping long enough to go through some of the Salt-works there — I kept on until I came to a lake, where I passed a pleasant hour before returning to Syracuse which I reached in season for dinner, having walked both ways.

My impression now is that I was told that it was "Green Lake" and I remember it as a remarkably clear & beautiful lake with charming surroundings. I had a number of walks about Syracuse that season, but had no interest in Botany then, as you can judge when I tell you that I visited Chittenango Falls, and never gathered Scolopendrium.

If I had known anything of ferns at that time I might possibly have found B. Lunaria when I "tramped" over the Jamesville Road, but I am glad that it was left for Mrs Rust to discover.

I believe that I acknowledged the rec'd of the papers, and as I ordered them you must permit me to enclose stamps enough to cover what I suppose to be the price of them. The printer did remarkably well with the paper. The only error of any c/c being ~~Age~~ Archegonia for Archegonia. I did not think in time or I would have added a note explaining why I took the Linnean view of the Vegetable Kingdom instead of the more recent scientific view which considers all plant-life as one connected series of forms proceeding through a gradual evolution of forms from the lowest to the highest. Some of my scientific friends I know would "rap me over the knuckles" for that part of my paper but I had no thought of publishing it at the time and in a free popular talk I thought I could better define the limits of the Cryptogamous plants by recognising the apparently natural division of the Vegetable Kingdom into flowering & flowerless plants.

sent him a good supply of the rarer ferns & shall try to get more of it if I possibly can. You shall have the first duplicate that I get. I have some doubts about the correct identity of this one as I find a marked difference in its bud, and ~~they~~ many foreign spec. from which I described the varieties and I need more of it for verification. I intend to give it a more careful examination & may have my doubts removed. The fern was identified by Prof. Eaton ~~and~~ to whom I was indebted for the opportunity to secure a specimen.

You may get heer from Dr Anderson; Mr Moody I have not seen for some time; but I know that he has been very busy.

Very Respectfully
Geo. E. Davenport

Dick, for would come again.
We of course learn of Christmas
birthday of the daughter as you
identified it for me. I am sure
cured her disease quite, as pretty
far as Lucia, she prefers to be
let alone concerned on such matters.
She knows I cannot keep from
letting people, do what I tell me.
I have asked for information,
I am glad to know where I found
Lucia and the Teddies Jasper,
Pete and Dick. It sounds
very selfish if I say I wish to
know. I am influencing in letting
the telephone in a peal confidence
in the receipts of the one now.
This pleases me very much. While
I feel Teddy's love, I do need
support, he is so kind and
generous in imparting his knowledge
I get a pleasure it may not be
be able to endorse others. But it

I believe that I shall be
and Treasurer of the Telephone
Exchange. Dear Ed I am so glad
we could have met to be
together. [illegible]
I have [illegible] the expense
[illegible]

have seen the second [illegible]
[illegible] the Bible
[illegible] is very [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

Chapia Virginica

Schoepia Oricicata,

Chapsophisfalcata

A bitter & Herbaceous acid
fruit quite weak not ever
[illegible]

Sambucus Canadensis.

and some Specimens.

Now I have exposed [illegible]
[illegible]

that what I meant by the
Command, to pick and
communicate, the use of one
has ever been the giving
my knowledge as I felt necessary.
Others will have pleasure to
see in having a little spirit
as I can let it give refined
it, and I have no credit
when it is more natural liberties,
the better I feel as I have a
little pride [illegible] it
before generous, and [illegible]
deny myself in giving, [illegible]
Now after this speech, [illegible]
[illegible] let you eat [illegible]
Received some Mt Mountain
a Specimen of Spatoflora;
Fructus or Elected by hiemes
the exempt Mountains of
Colorado, quite a [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible] Moment of
our visit to Lindisfarne,
which was published last
Sunday — I fear you will
see no [illegible] & the doctrine
[illegible] seems to be [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of
[illegible] [illegible],
to [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] all [illegible] and
[illegible] [illegible] to observe and
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Self. Now [illegible] to be [illegible] filled
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Syracuse Botanical Club.

The Baldwinsville *Gazette* contains the following: "Some ladies of the Syracuse Botanical Club visited this place last week in search of some rare plants—rare at least in this county. They were successful in obtaining what they wished, and, through the hints they incidentally gave, the same plant was afterwards found in larger numbers. This club is one of the most valuable and efficient in the State, perhaps we might make no exceptions. It has done a work of which Onondaga county will one day be proud; a work thorough, systematic, and every way reliable. The different members have in charge the different botanical families, and this gives specific employment to all. Thus far it has been wisely composed of residents of Syracuse, who could easily meet for study or make excursions from that place as a centre. We would suggest that now they have done so much, they might profitibly originate local branches working in harmony with them; or at least have correspondents at distant and almost inaccessible points in the county. In fact a county society of natural sciences would be a public good."

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" M. J. MYERS, Sec'y.

The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N. Y., ... 18...

Medford, Mass., Sept. 12, 1880

My Dear Mrs Meyers

Your two last letters remain unanswered; so tonight I will reply, lest a third comes before I do so.

I received the paper with your note on the visit to Cicero Swamp, and the package of specimens in good condition, for all of which I thank you. Your letters always interest me and I read them with pleasure, though I cannot always make time to reply as I would like to. Your last refreshes my memory of ~~my~~ the vicinity of Syracuse, and shows me how much at least I was over the position of Green Lake. But I hope some time to visit Syracuse, and go over those places with my kind friends there. I am glad to hear of your improvement in Botany and the pleasure it gives you. I have lately been realizing how much I have fallen behind having been called upon to name a good many plants that I was once perfectly familiar with.

but now have to take time to study up.

I have just rec'd a letter from A. H. Curtiss. He is getting a second set of ferns ready including Anemia adiantifolia & Pteris longifolia. I expect soon a supply of N. nivea. Have received Cys. montana & Botrych. Lunaria from Colorado. It was Miss? Hotchkiss who found B. simplex and Mrs Rush wrote me that she (Mrs H) only found two specimens, both of them were abnormal growths. I hope you will get find plenty of both in some new station yourself. Have a small bit of Aspid. Mohrioides from a new locality, have written for more of it, as the scrap was marked "abundant" Have also the two forms of A. spinulosum from Alaska. Dr Schneck, who sent me B. boreale has placed me in communication with his Alaska correspondent and as I am permitted to turn my connection with the Hort. Soc. to advantage whenever I think it will result in a benefit to the Herb., I have written in such a way that if there is any possible chance to get a supply I stand a good chance of doing it, although I expect it will be a long time before I get any reply.

~~As I~~ We are to have a new "Fern-list" for exchanges from Prof Eaton, and they are getting ready for two ~~extra numb~~ more parts of "Ferns of N. Am." to begin a 3d volume. I have urged Prof. Eaton to go on and give us all of the other vascular cryptogams, and hope that he will do so.

You must excuse Mr Moody. His Library duties are very exacting and he gets very little spare time now. I have not seen him myself for nearly two months.

With Respect I remain
Yours - Geo. E. Davenport

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" M. J. MYERS, Sec'y.

The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N.Y., Sept 28 1889

Dear Mr Farlow

Your kind letter of Sept 21st was only received a few days since, having been more than a week in the mail. The weather is fine, and I dry it last night. Mr. Rust & I leave, and if it clears off pretty bad weather. The Rust will be spending the last evening & I will be with you about the 9th. I shall be glad to see it, & shall expect to see you. Each year is repeated to you

"Fungi Flora" could have supplied the one, that I find I have lost a few specimens of the Sphaeriaceae, Hypocreaceae, Dothideaceae, Phacidiaceae, Hypoxylaceae, Tuberaceae, Gasteromycetes, Uredinaceae, Ustilaceae, and a few other groups. If the bottom of the world is little more than a "[illegible]" to Boston, Cambridge & Express Francisco & Cincinnati.

Have you seen Prof. Farlow's Cincinnati on his Australian trip? Respects for experience, I have decided identified the Sphaeriaceae. Dr Farlow with Prof. Peck got 4 species and [illegible] species, if the [illegible] are [illegible] the vascular [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we prefer [illegible]

With kind regards, yours [illegible]

character, either from [illegible]
[illegible] we expected, [illegible] of
happy will be possible, and that [illegible]
[illegible] by the station, & [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Bedford, Mass, Oct. 17. 1880

My Dear Mrs Meyers,

Your letter betrayed so much weariness that I wanted to answer it at the time I received it, but could not.

I have been very busy, and something would interfere to prevent my writing just at the moment I would start to write. You must not get discouraged in your work. You will surely have your reward, as I know you do in the consciousness of earnest striving to do good. I am quite sure, from the manner in which your Syracuse friends have alluded to you from time to time, that your work is appreciated, and that they all

she was anxious to see me before returning to Texas. Unfortunately she did not tele me how I was to identify her, and as I had no way of knowing I did not go there. She promises on her return to try & get me some C. Cucopoda. I have received another specimen of B. boreale from Dr Schneck, and as they (the specimens) represent two of the three forms described by Meystrine I have placed them both in the herbarium, re-mounting the sheet so as to take out one of the two from Sweden to send to you. I have made a note on the bud, for the Bulletin, somewhat modifying the previous description of the species.

If I am successful in my communication with Mr Turner I may have a supply another season. Do not be in a hurry about Lemmon's ferns, there are some negotiations pending that may give us a good supply of Arizona ferns before long.

Truly Yours, E. Davenport

hold you in high esteem.

I can understand how you may at times get discouraged as I think I understand your peculiar temperament, but you must not overtax yourself in your work, for a recession is always depressing in its influence. Do I ever get discouraged? Ah, I could not begin to tell you how discouraged I am at times, and how ~~near~~ I come to giving up altogether! But though I feel often as if

"My half-day's work was done
And I am ready not to do"

I rally and keep on, and so I suppose it will continue to be to the end.

I had a pleasant call from Mrs Gifford. She has probably told you before this of some changes I have made in Asplenium myriophyllum. I have made an announcement of it, although gawkedly, in the Bot. Gazette, having written a critical notice of Prof. Eaton's new "Fern List" for that publication. Have you seen the List? It is very neat indeed, and I have praised it warmly, waiving some points of disagreement that I might have criticised. I expected a visit from Mrs M. J. Lyons, ~~who~~ who has been visiting east. She wrote me that she should stop in Berlin one day on purpose to see me & the herbarium, but at the last moment I received a hurried note from her, saying that she would be obliged to pass through Berlin without stopping and asking me to meet her at the Depot on the arrival of the train as

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" " " "

Party, printed invitations to
attend to my friends ~~[illegible]~~ to
purchase tickets for, Mrs
Grade Chairman of a committee
of four to attend to the part of
the work, so had them printed
addressed & distributed to the
number of about five hundred
envelopes, though a dozen or
more addressed to Mr & Mrs
— & family — something like
twelve hundred dollars worth
the number of persons invited,
I need it is asked to pay one dollar
for a ticket, all my practical
people, outside the Club, assure
me I may count on more than an hundred
bill receipt, I hope more will
prove true, as my expenses will
amount to near that, the purpose

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The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N. Y., ... 18....

Dear Mr. Sedgwick,
We hope you will have some present themselves that can be admitted, but I think there is no fear of that, for we are well [illegible] between these and from beyond, the hope expects will come in the costume of some Fisher, or better in some character described. I will send you an account of the affair when it is over. I wish you could come here and attend, I am very glad Mr. Myers and I could be to entertain you, and what a country gathering you would see at the Lake.
Mrs. Rust & I are [illegible]

country has been very gay with its tints of red and green & brown, but now the ground is covered with dark and yellow leaves. While they flutter on the branches & often they fall, like us they fade, but unlike us they shall not rise again. When I think of the future glory to be revealed to our awakening eyes, I am impatient to close mine in this world, and to be gone where no fatigue is felt, where we can always serve. The idea of your giving up, when you are so helpful to everybody, and can ill be so much spared, No! Rather go on rejoicing in the knowledge of what you are doing, your work will stay.

I now with fond regards from all believe me dear, Mrs Lindsay

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" H. Rowlee, Cor. Sec'y.

The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N.Y., [illegible] 18[illegible]

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[illegible]

I have mislaid it, and so will
[illegible] the copies [illegible] have
[illegible]

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" C. L. Collins

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The Syracuse Botanical Club,

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec 21st 1893

Dear Mr Davenport
Spencer Feb. 7th 81

I have received your letter in a few days, but I have been very busy for a long time past. I am very sorry that I cannot send you specimens enough that we were so fortunate as to make so hard. It seems to be a very delicate species to handle, and the slightest carelessness in the manipulation, of bottles, will make sport of one's time.

Shall be, do you think, succeed in getting C. Lanceolata? I very much wish for two specimens and I'll gladly pay for them. If you can get them let me know.

Yours Truly
H. Pratt

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Shall I, do you think, succeed in getting C. lanceolata? I very much wish for two specimens and I'll gladly pay for them. If you can get them let me know.

Yours truly
H. Pratt

I hear nothing from Mr Moody.

Mr Jeffrey, Mr Fox Lewis
and I went to the gas house
to see if we could get hold
of a few specimens, but
found it locked, & we
did not like to disturb
the people as it seems to have
rained all day. Mr H.
has written to know what it
costs, and I must likely
be able to send them.
Did I remember in that
Recent Nat. Hist. of
Mosloides was originally
Nod. but changed in passing
through the press? I cannot
make good specimens, & find
it difficult to clean them.
Perhaps we need all good.
Colin Mr Black forwarded
under postage. I have very
strong hopes my collection that
has arrived it is not possessing
good pin & I hope to be able
if Mr Black did not collect
object, but that I have it
already completed. I want it to
be what I think be most useful.
Opinions are so with a such
having repeated it yet every
Purpose. Mr Black, he told I believe
Once was Count Barbarian
[illegible]
[illegible] very fondly over
a-large having two [illegible]
Perhaps we have met at Bath
[illegible] and have found
all the Mollusca which have
been sent us [illegible]
They are now all secure against
[illegible], and are packed in [illegible]
ready for future mounting

write them. I write daily to my husband, and yet that the day of corresponding for the card would be too hard in addition. The [illegible] sessions I thought it would be better for the members each to take her turn at the work. Some felt that I was extending [illegible] for, and expecting too much attention from botanists, in other words [illegible] ground. Being too much [illegible] myself, [illegible] too much in the fore-ground, neglecting the careful [illegible] formerly carried on by these members themselves. I don't know, although I did not intentionally interfere with the [illegible] by others, the object [illegible] which I was conscious, was

Syracuse Sept 1st

Dear Mr Rosenfeld

The [illegible] to kindly [illegible] you, came while I was away from home. I wish to express my thanks to you. So long a time has elapsed since receiving your [illegible], that I have forgotten whether you wrote [illegible] or not. I did not [illegible] the [illegible] contemplated entering into partnership with a Stock Broker in Buffalo, and on the [illegible] I [illegible] you [illegible] of course he has to delay [illegible] the business proves a success, we [illegible] eventually [illegible] to live, but at present we think best to keep our home here in Syracuse, and I

Kay with the children.
This change and the separate
cares of very much sad, and
I have lost the spirit in
dear remembrance, the sweet
hopes and the joyous feelings,
Have changed against this,
and the old cares and sorrows
to yield to it. The change has
been in every way for the best.
Mr. Stone's health is better,
and being in business for
himself he is more in life and
and spirit. Coffee is more
as that last I saw him,
of course he is very lonely,
but is very pleasantly situated
as far as providing for his
social relations can go.
He sees Fanny as often as
possible, and she makes
him frequent visits, but she
is very anything to make
one unhappy. But for
twenty one years married life & yet the
separation seems, and
seems to be a sad calamity,
as long as it.
At the close of evening last
Monday night, Mr. Stone
read a portion of your
letter, I am sorry to note that
you are still suffering from
weakness of the eyes, for we
counting on your work, before
purchasing, wishing to wait
to substitute my letter.
I regret my letter procrastinating
on the cloth, carry in the thing
as perhaps you know, there
were various reasons, I could
tell you better than I can.

Hope to be able to keep up my friendly correspondence and not lose my interest in the progress of Science. The "Wants Immediate" is now to Mr Darwin's it seems. The Gardiner does not agree with the New Bedford paper, which contains but one new item. Hope to begin again to try the complete my collection. Mr Darwin has, I suppose, failed to send any Butterfly specimens, Do write me of any strong news. If I come the "many dollars" I am sure to be very glad just happy. Mrs Hilland has been at Fairhaven (I am I believe) while, Mr Darwin is at home, Mr Prat is at home Well. Business, pressure of [illegible]

to notify the expectations of the Club, that there would be no Zoology meeting, but we expected Entomologists to go on. I believe Mrs Pleasance & Miss Fine the correspondence. Mr Darwin is now the Sec. I do not know how much interest the Darwin in it, the Entomologists now easily assume her correspondence if she chooses. I myself have elected in Zoology. The resolution is laying on the Book, the funds have all gone, Mrs Neale the Secretaries, and I should feel quite Comfortable, there times when do so much business at the Monthly Meetings, that I early had time to send the very interesting letters which I read,

ladies who met so kind as to
accept from my hands,
I think the little one seems
as one just recovered, without
you, they will have to stay
where we shall now go,
I am so well pleased with,
such a nice thing and more
ready to lend a helping hand
whenever there is necessity,
I became the Dearest friend
to your wife, I wish I could
be of some service to you personal
feeling about anything,
There are several other reasons
which I cannot write, it
would take up sufficiently I
think, to convince you that
the child will do better
without me, my friends, you
are the best judge of what
is the right thing to do, I am

hoping we are doing
on the telephone exchange,
which business is growing
rapidly here. I felt a case of
that kind not so entirely
unlikely that the children
should be taken out walking with some
friends on Sundays, like
for four weeks, that the
younger children might
be here that little change
and I know I was the only
the children were very happy
and are looking finely, I am very
tired, but am getting rested,
I mean to be in your arms
before I shall be weeks with me.
And now I hope to hear
from you, you neglected
me at Philadelphia, you promised
good me [illegible]

Syracuse May 11-82

Dear Mr Dwenfort

The person you kindly sent was in care of Mrs [illegible] which was visited so fully, I have accepted my thanks for the same - but the part from I have not tried to collect persons which are supposed to be much grief. Keep begging making the children unfortunate.

The Hayes' business has left [illegible] Buffalo and have gone [illegible] and discouraged to say regarded it anyone [illegible] have

doubtless heard, the club still flourishes. Mrs Hunt having decided that she cannot be the leader this year, I fear we shall not make as good a show as heretofore for she can keep people up to their work, and be so much herself. Mrs Gray can't write, I believe. We have had several excursions but none since this spring have made but two, on account of the cold rainy weather. I hope to hear our Quarterly Meeting from Mrs Lincoln to the exchange of botanical information. There is so much to learn that I do not like to spend the time in any but very necessary business. We have a class in sedges during the recess and hope to have other classes established. We have kept some little in mosses, lichens, grasses &c. The package you kindly sent contained two ferns new to my collection, Aspidium Boottii, and B. vivale. I should like to purchase some of the rare discoveries, but feel too little wealthy.

I work very hard to obtain them. We are having a much needed rain today and we hope to see real trees in full leaf very soon. It is long since I have heard from you & hope you are all well. I see books on the different Magazines from you once in a while. You see very hard to remember me in the distribution of your favorites.

With kind regards
from us always
Sincerely yours
Theodore Hyde

Mexican Aviarists Society
Perhaps you can tell me where I can find a Mexican Tanager. Perhaps you may remember I was inquiring for a collector last year

" Argentina,
Central America,
Trinidad,
Venezuelan Wood Quail,
Mexican Longtail,
Nicaraguan Seedeater,
" Coffee Finch,
Mexican Meadowlark

Who Nightingale Jay and Jay

Mr. H. J. Dempster, Parque
Porfirio Diaz 10 Mexico,
Mr. R. Templeton Prince Aculco
Mexico I am further
Mr. N. Ferry - Jamaica Jamaica
Jamaica.

[illegible] the [illegible] were
specimens, but have already
[illegible]

Desideratum,
Polypodium Somnatii,
Mitchella repens,
" Sayi,
Asplenium Bradleyi,
" Serrulatum,
" Virginicum,
Dalea alba,
Tenuifolia,
Asclepias Nivea var,
Stenotis longicaulis,
Aplidium Gossypinum,
" Longifolium,
Mecinia Mexicana
" "
Also Aplidium Gossypinum var Longifolium
" "
All the Gossypium, I can give
I have each one specimen,
All the Longifolium I have a sufficient
specimen & also both forms,
All of Sayi - functional female
flowers -

Syracuse July 2nd 92

Dear Mr Davenport.

Your kind letter of June 28 came duly to hand. The 150 specimens were all collected by Professor Dailey. Those particularly forward were here. The others were Maine. The former looked to me somewhat like B. [illegible] Rev. - D. [illegible] they might be - simplex. Could they be lunaria? The specimens from Ithaca, looked to me a little like lunaria. & a little like simplex. I could not give a decision

Calling the children "set the country for a "play spell" perhaps they can have a boat from Wallace to their heart's content. I cannot spare all my time to botany. There are so many subjects that I will be stuck into. We will very much to get our scientific societies together, not as a large society, but as sections, self governed & yet each working for the good of the whole - hoping thereby to reach a large number of people - and giving them the benefit of our work.

On Monday last we visited the Gelatio Farm and collected immortelles, or at least the other ladies did, I had my two youngest daughters, 7 & 6 years of age - and so could not do anything, not being able to be two things at one time, Papa & Ruby was delighted with the place. We are very fond of him, he is a pure minded gentleman & a good botanist, he stayed with us as he did once before - I did not wish to let him go away.

Now that Mr Myers is in business in Buffalo, my life is a kind of one, when I can leave I will be with my husband - when in Buffalo I long for the children, in fact I am so fully occupied when I don't want that I am without my self in botanical and other pursuits, I could not live, I get my mind so badly written up - with added, anxiety care - I am a great feeling of fatigue, as you say. I am perfectly rested. I enclose some

We could begin with a botanical section, a geological section, & a microscopical section. Our first step will be to induce a sufficient number of gentlemen of means, to guarantee a rental of suitable rooms. Then we can establish membership or something of the sort to furnish money - & I think when we show what we have done and can do, a good many of our people will be interested to help us along. I am anxious

to place our section-Nebraska
where, when the few workers
now among us, drop out,
more will arise to carry
on the work. I feel the strain
of holding up our club.
and wish very much
we had more workers.
Most of our club members
think as I do, a few
I think will object to
an organization.
Now my friend I must
close - With kind regard
Yours sincerely
Frances A. Myers.

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Syracuse June 4-83

Dear Mr Davenport

Enclosed please find $1.00. You may if you please send check list deducting a sufficient number to pay for those already sent, & the supplement, for all of which receive my thanks. I am sorry I have so long neglected answering your postal card.

As you may remember, Mr Myers' business keeps him in Buffalo. I spend

a good deal of time there with him - and thus having two places of residence I feel very unsettled and do not take much interest in anything except to keep my family comfortable, Hence my neglect of my friends. I have resigned my member-ship in the S. B. Club, for various reasons, which maybe you will under-stand if you remember a letter I wrote you some-time since - If I remain here much longer we may have another club as a branch of an Academy of Sciences. My family are all well -

With kind regards as always

Yours sincerely

Frances J. Myers